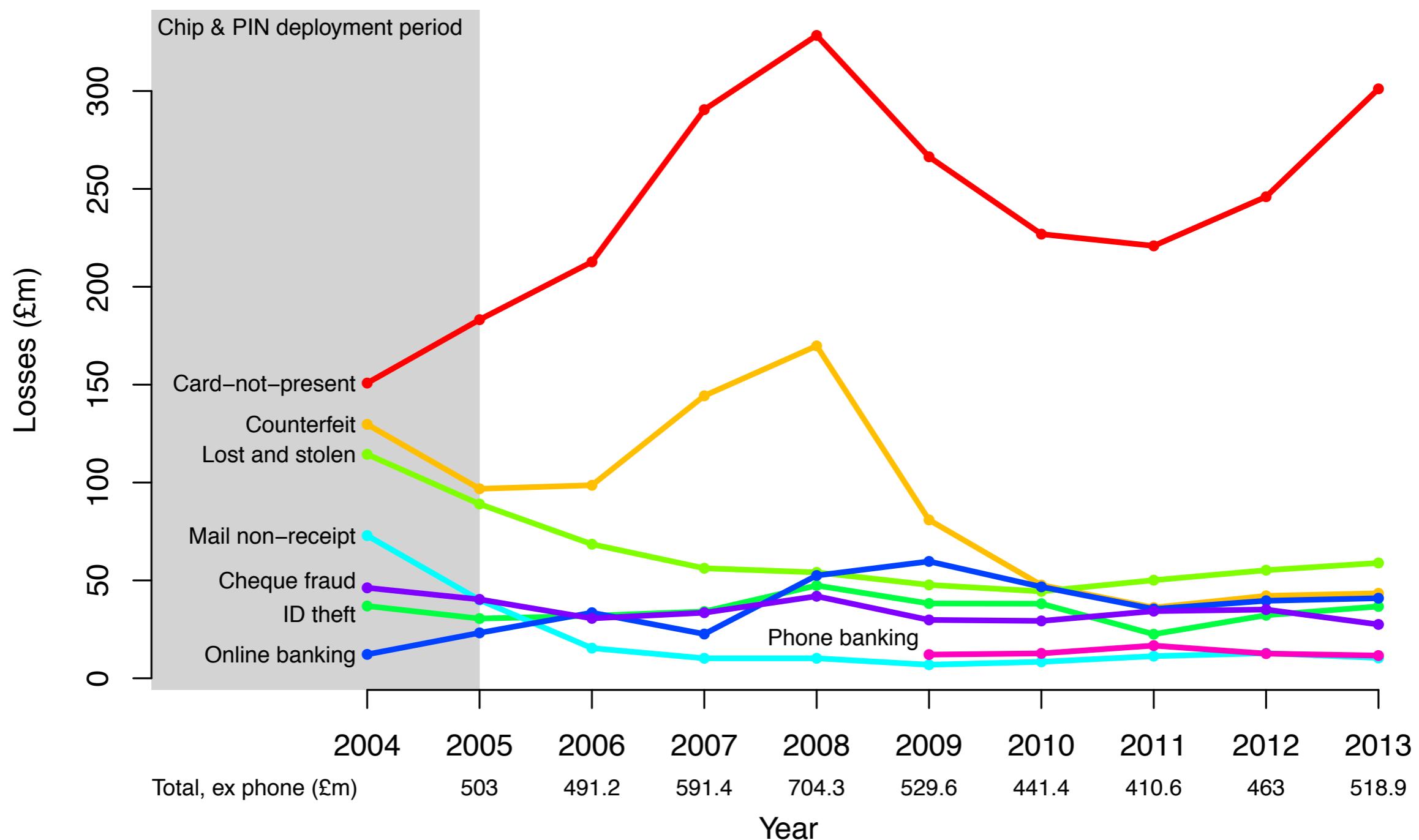


# Payment Security: Attacks & Defences

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# UK fraud is going up again



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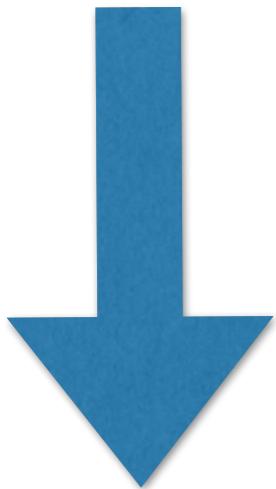
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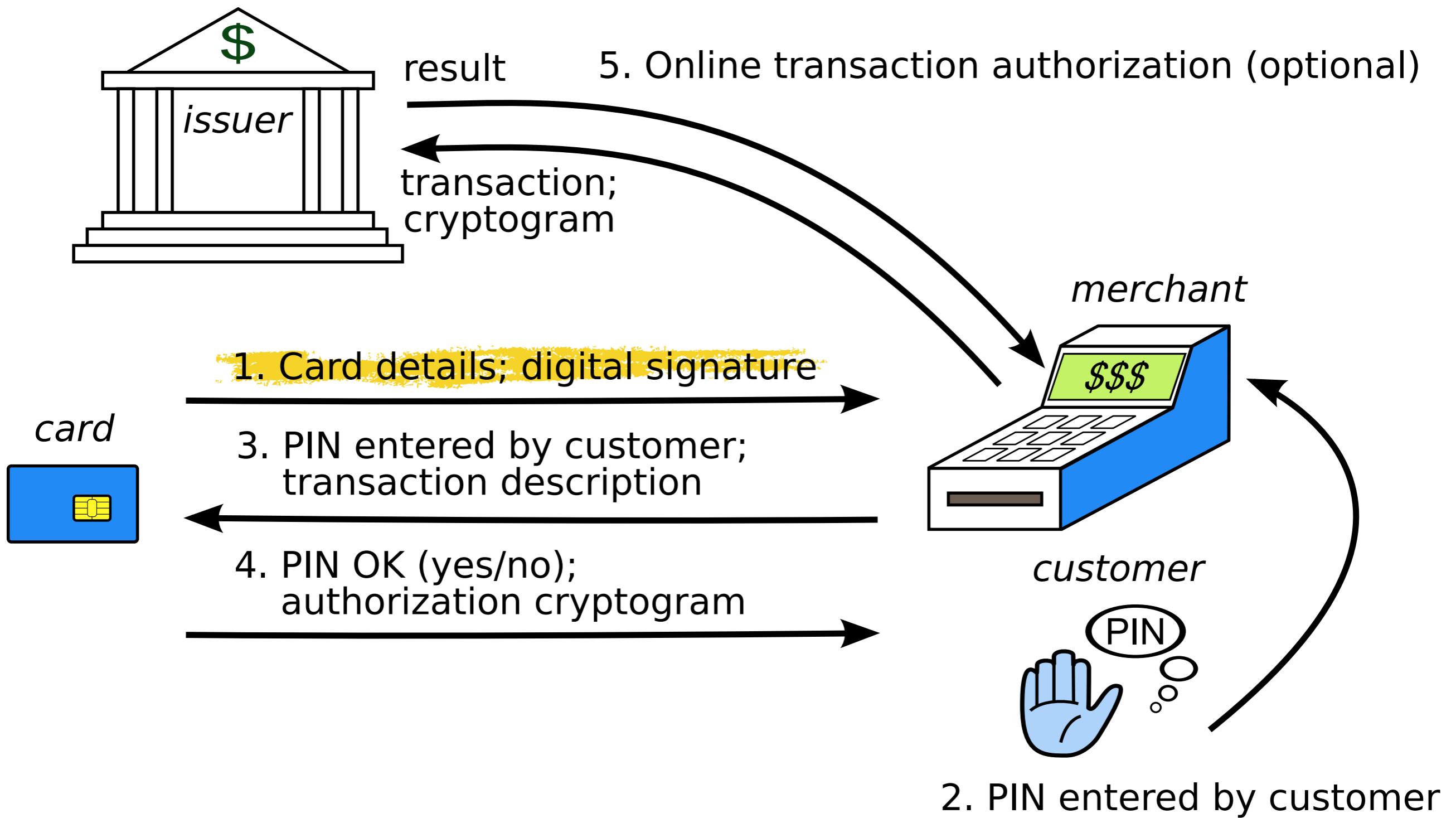
**UK retail face-to-face: up 11% to £60.8m**

**UK cash machine: up 10% to £31.9m**

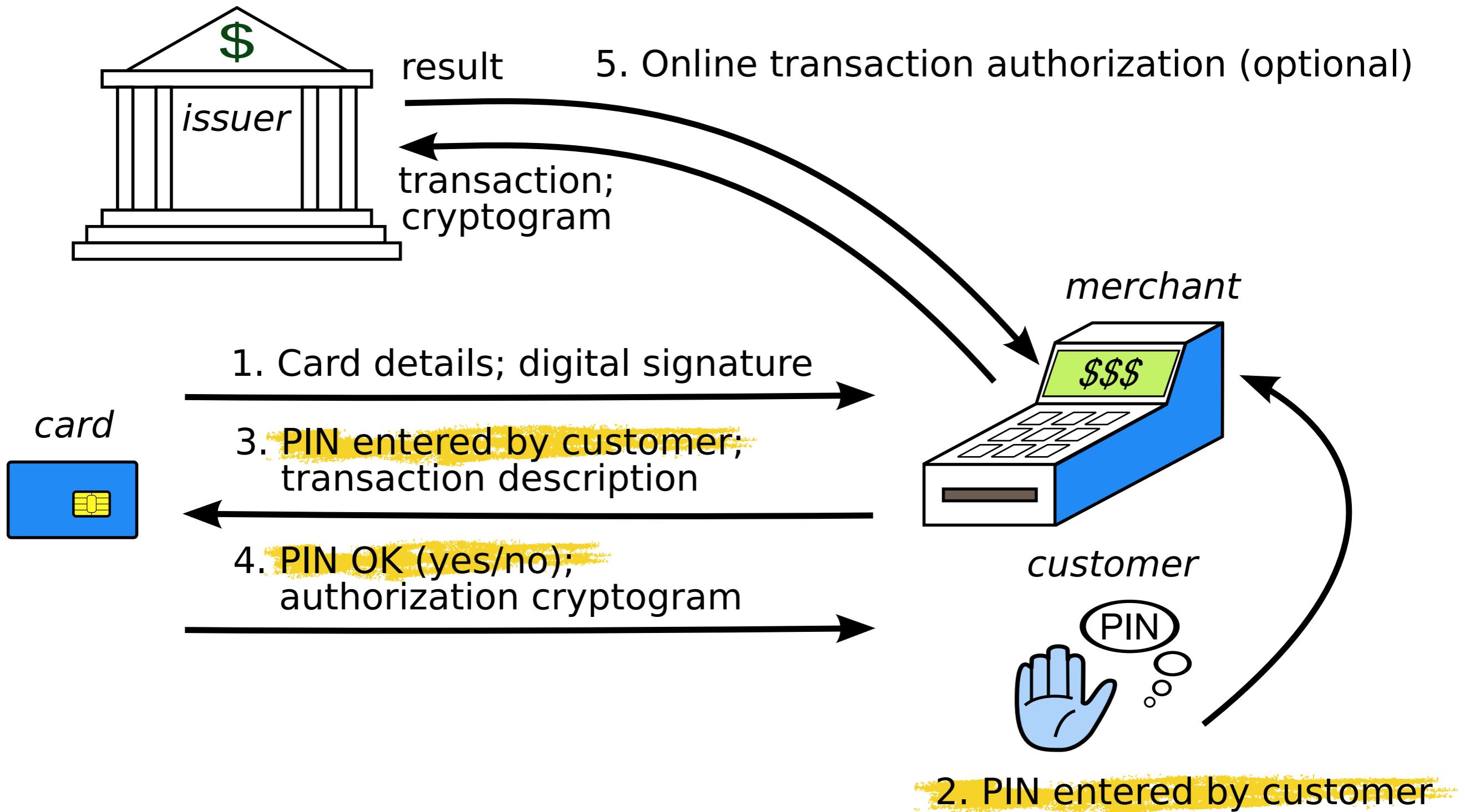
# Chip and PIN transactions have three main stages

- **Card authentication:** card proves it is real through providing a digital signature that the terminal can verify
- **Cardholder verification:** card and terminal check that legitimate cardholder is present (normally by card verifying the PIN)
- **Transaction authorisation:** terminal checks with bank that previous steps have been followed and the transaction should proceed

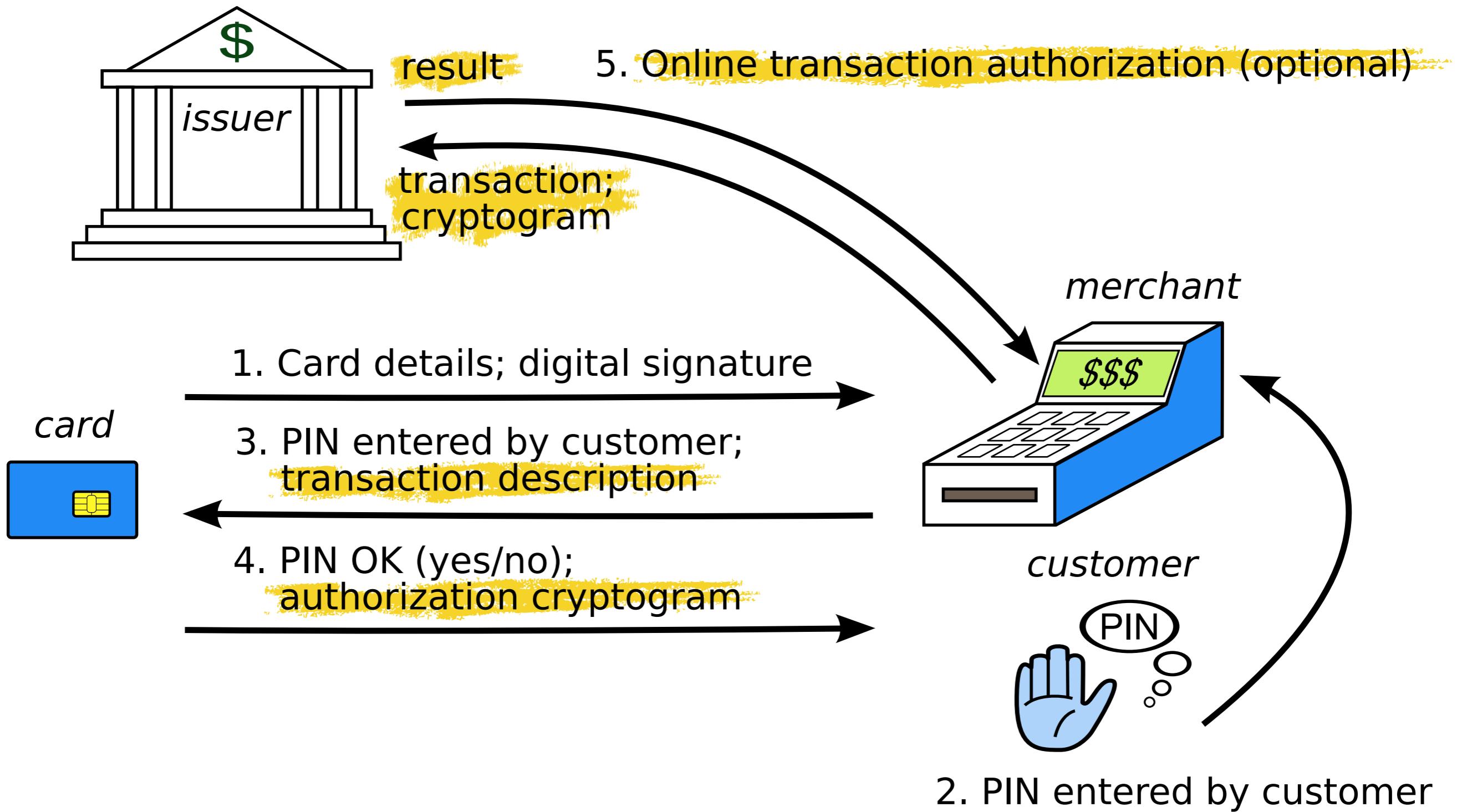
# Card authentication



# Cardholder verification



# Transaction authorisation



# Criminals have successfully bypassed Chip & PIN

Obtain static data as a result of flawed tamper resistance in Chip & PIN terminals

*then*

**Bypass card authentication** through exploiting backwards compatibility mode

Counterfeit

Steal cards

*then*

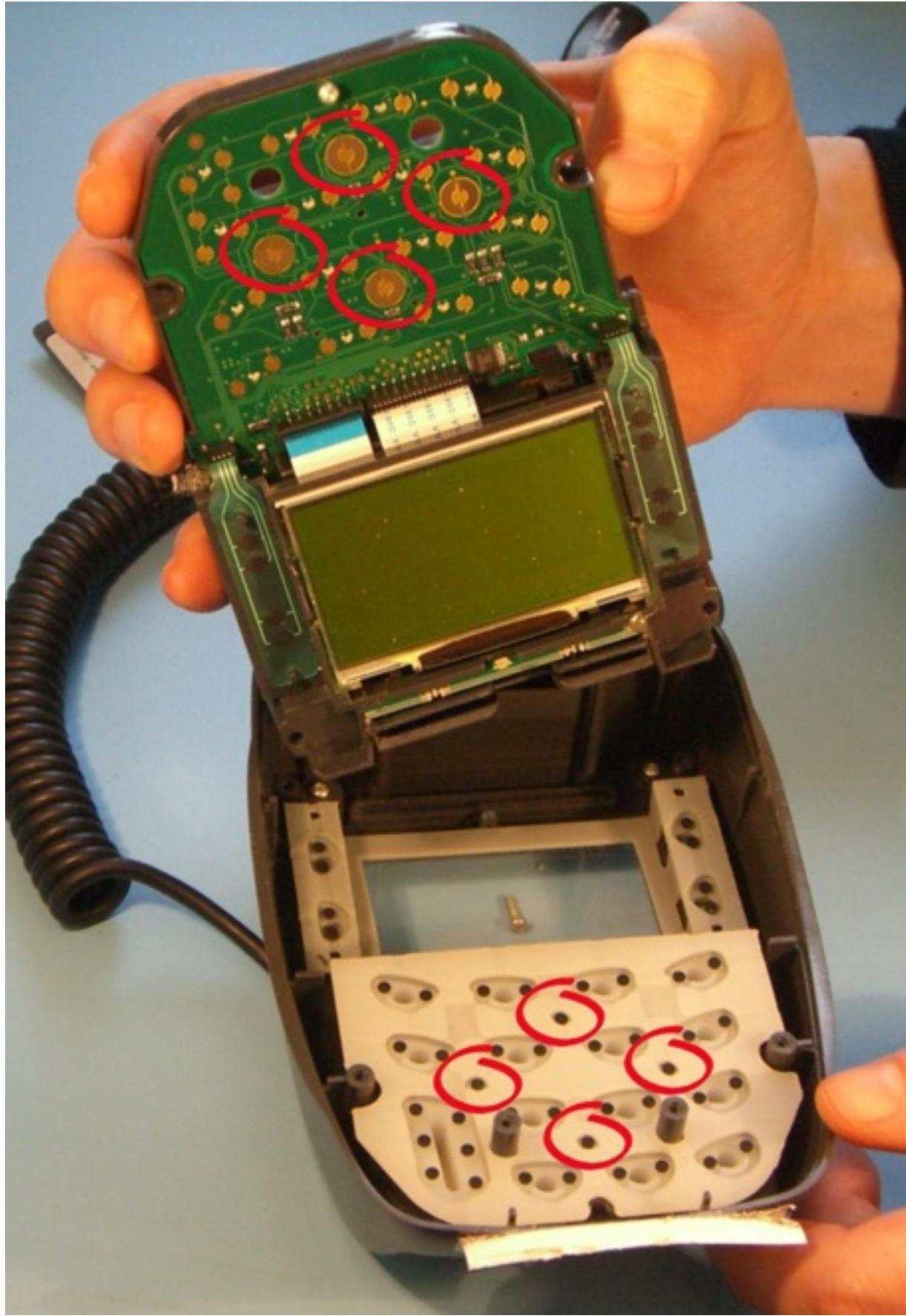
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Lost and Stolen

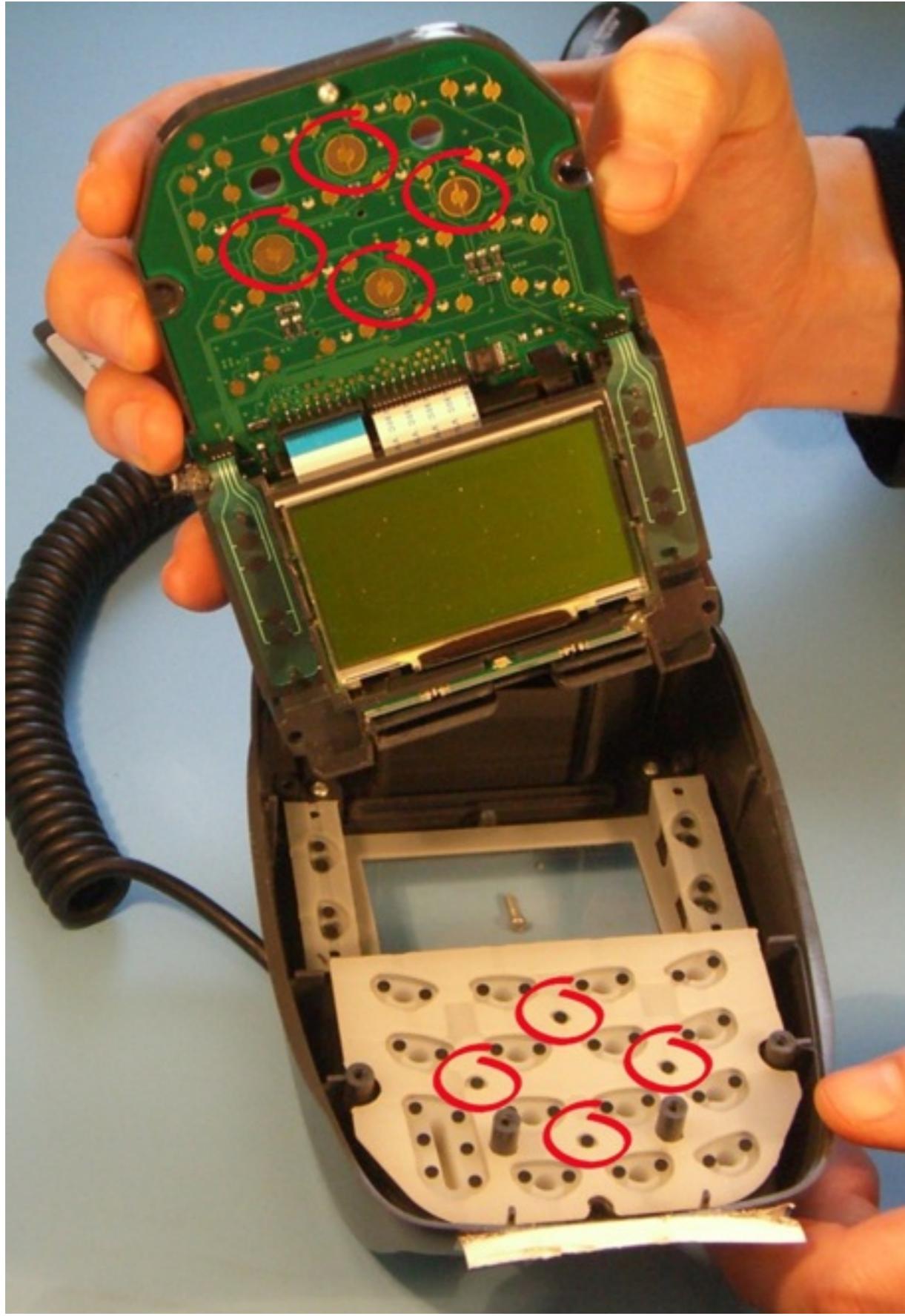
# Sensitive data is sent unencrypted between the card and the terminal

- Card number, expiry date, cardholder name ...
- Copy of magnetic stripe including CVV (for some cards)
- PIN to be checked by card

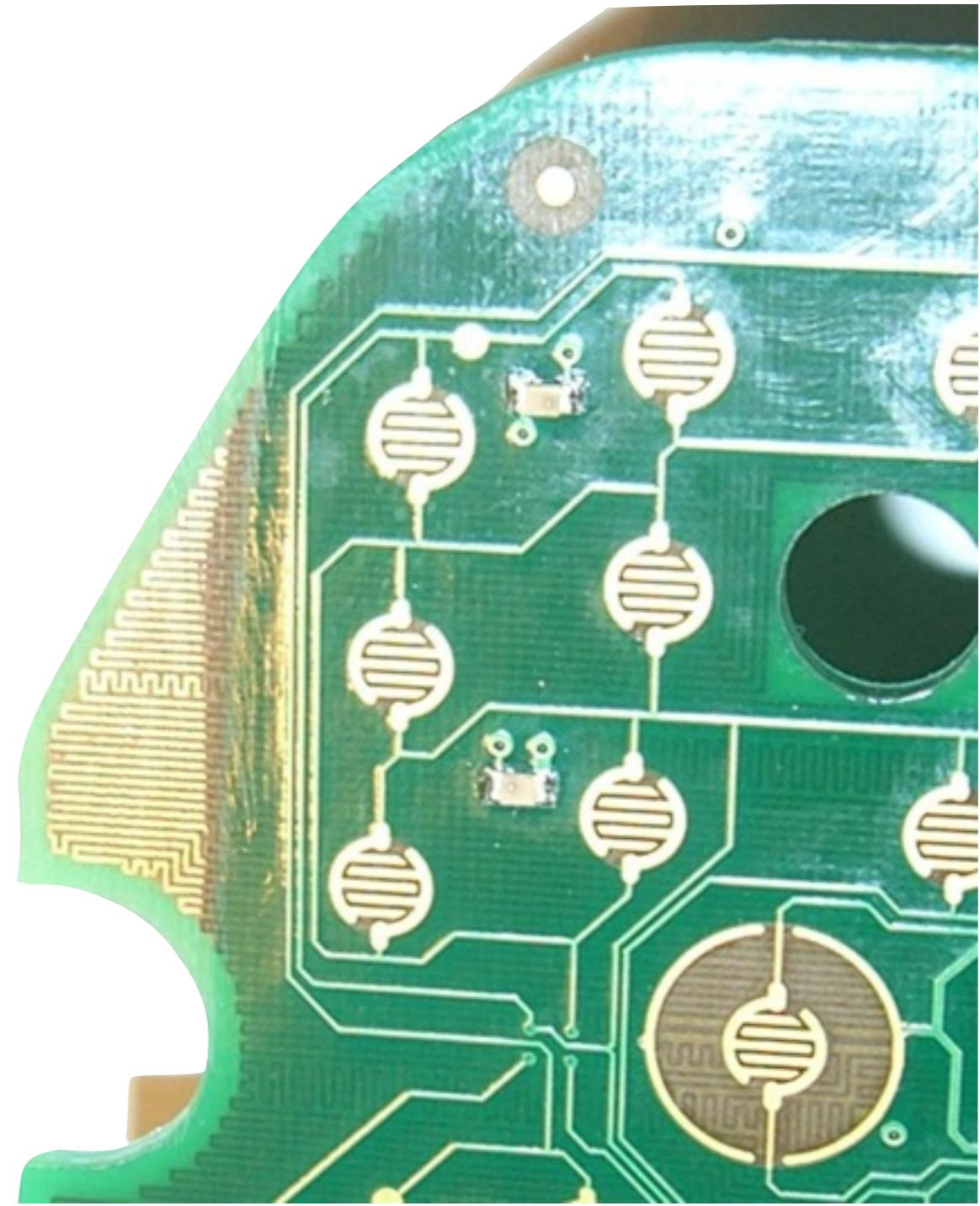
Chip and PIN terminals are supposed to protect this information against being recorded: **tamper resistance**

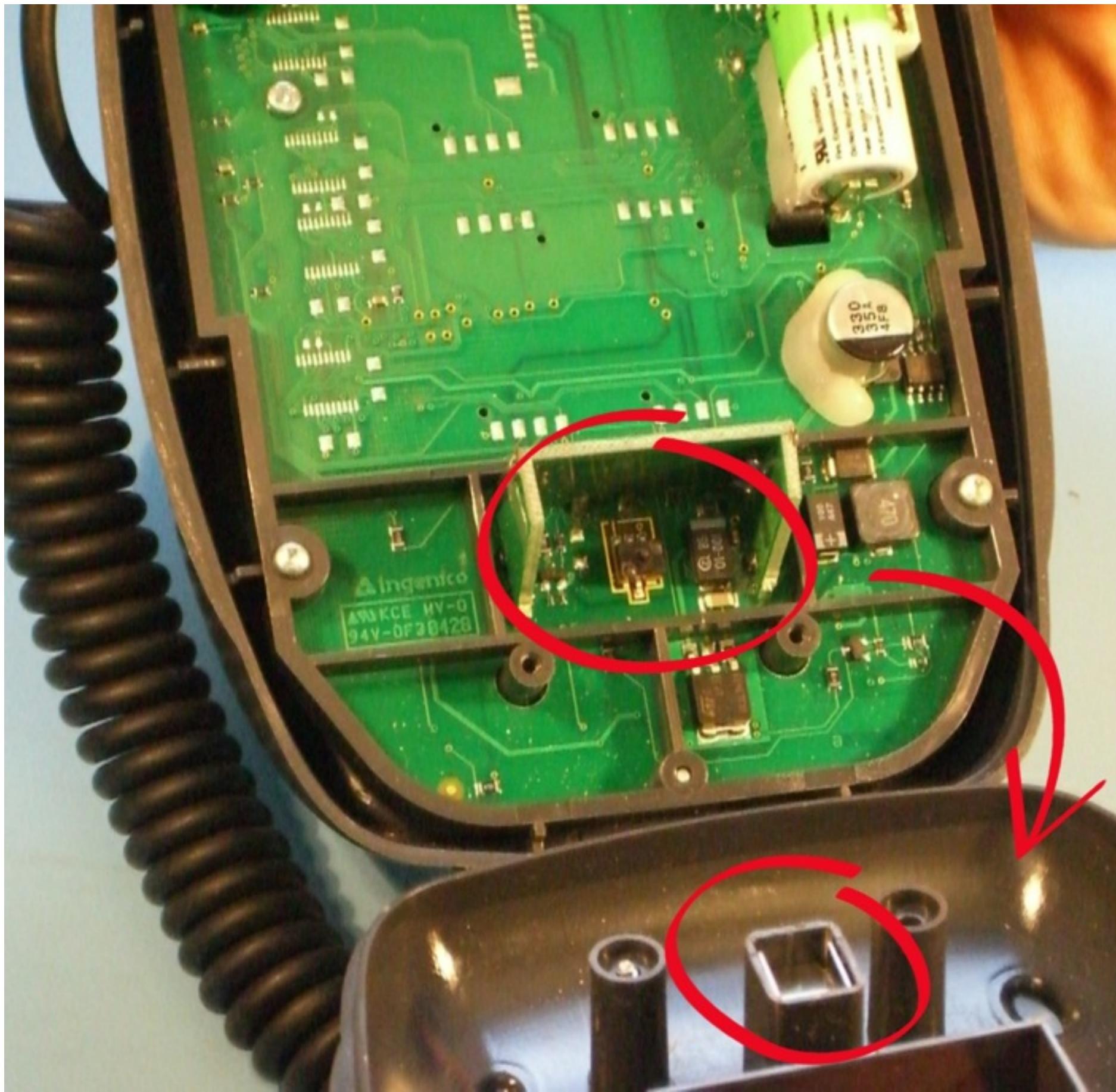


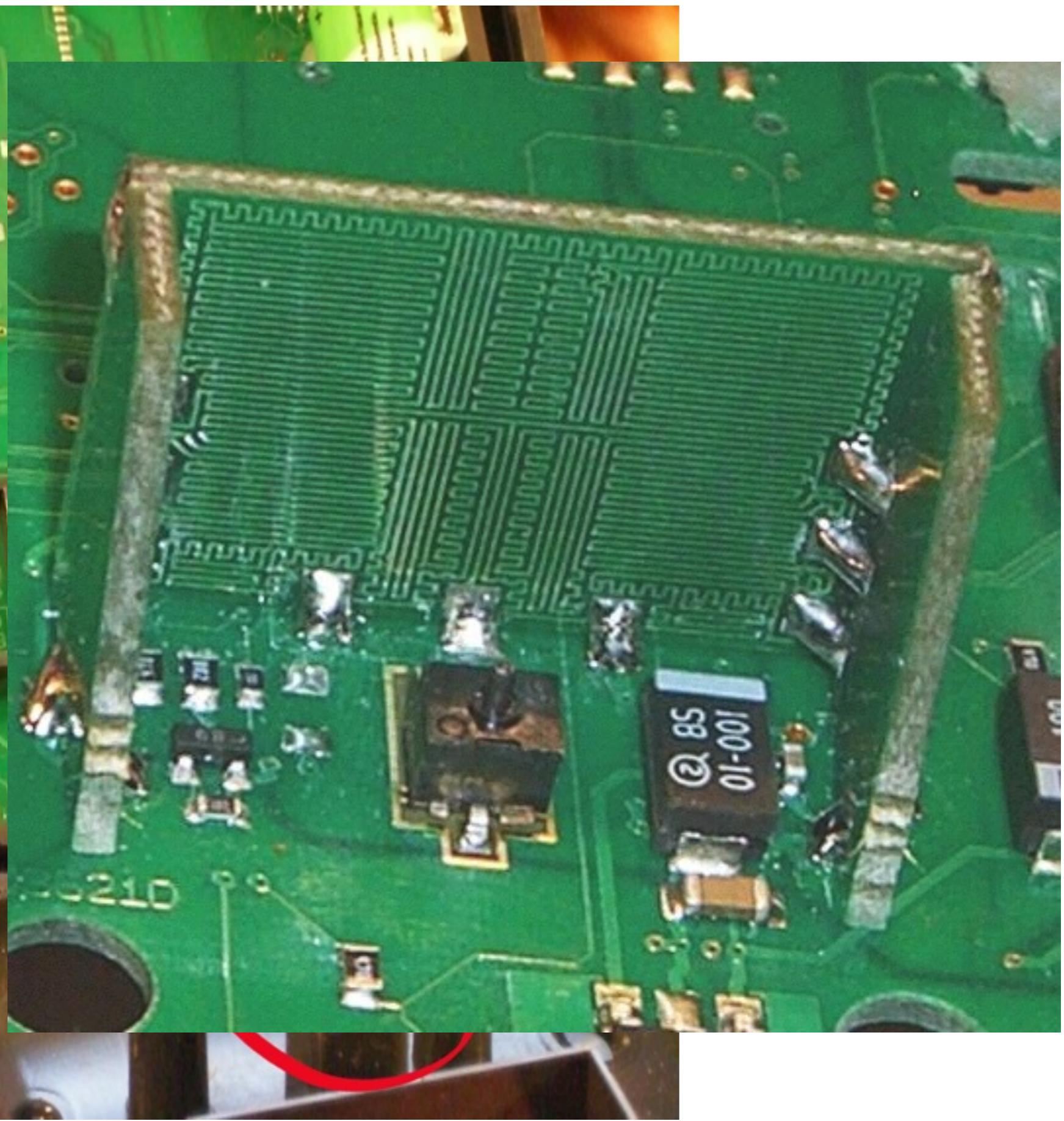
Tamper switches



Tamper mesh







Account:  
PIN:  
Name:





# Criminal gets all that is needed to make a magnetic stripe card

- Card number, expiry date
- CVV
- Cardholder's PIN

Compromising a shop terminal now gives criminals  
enough information to make ATM withdrawal

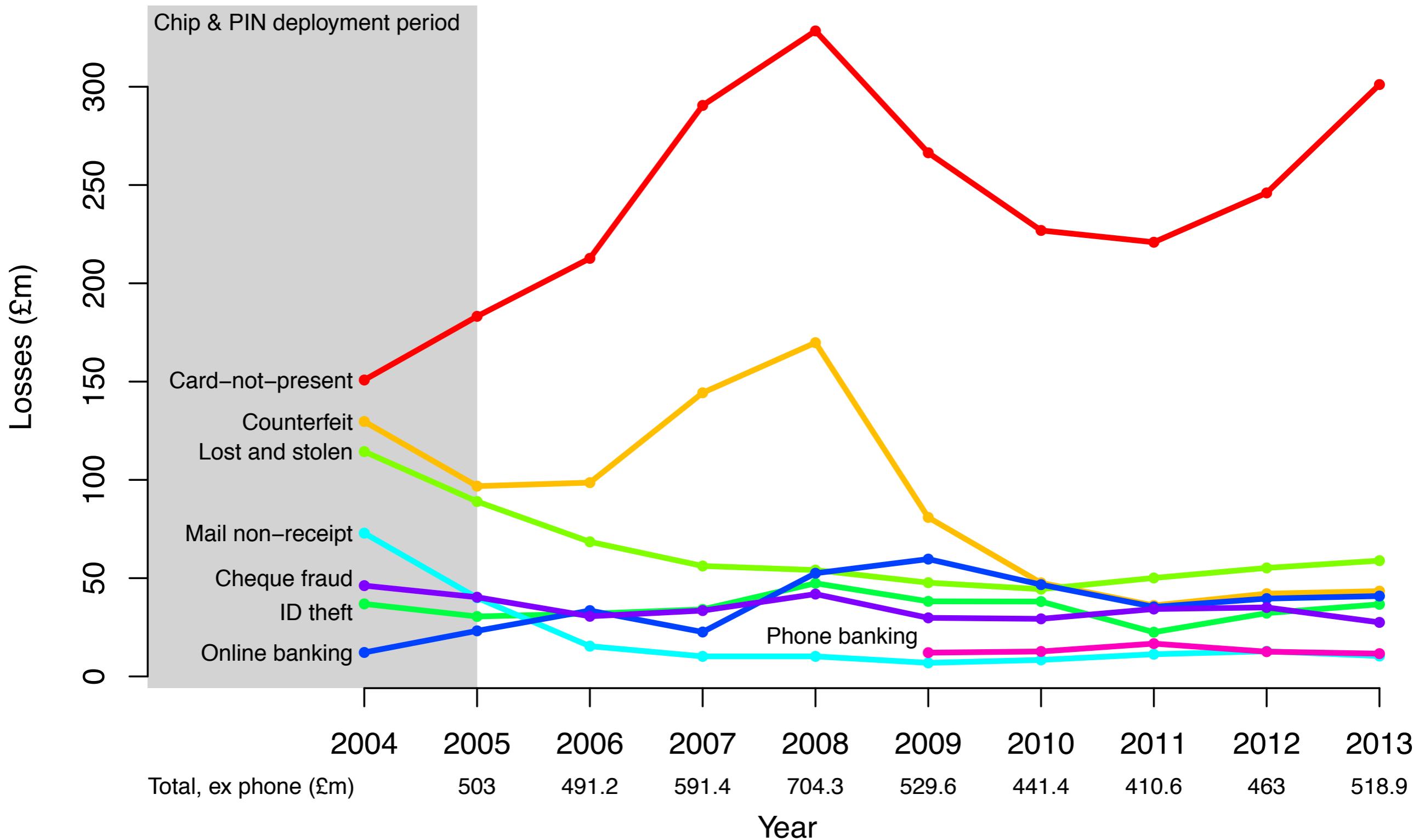
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- Cardholder's PIN

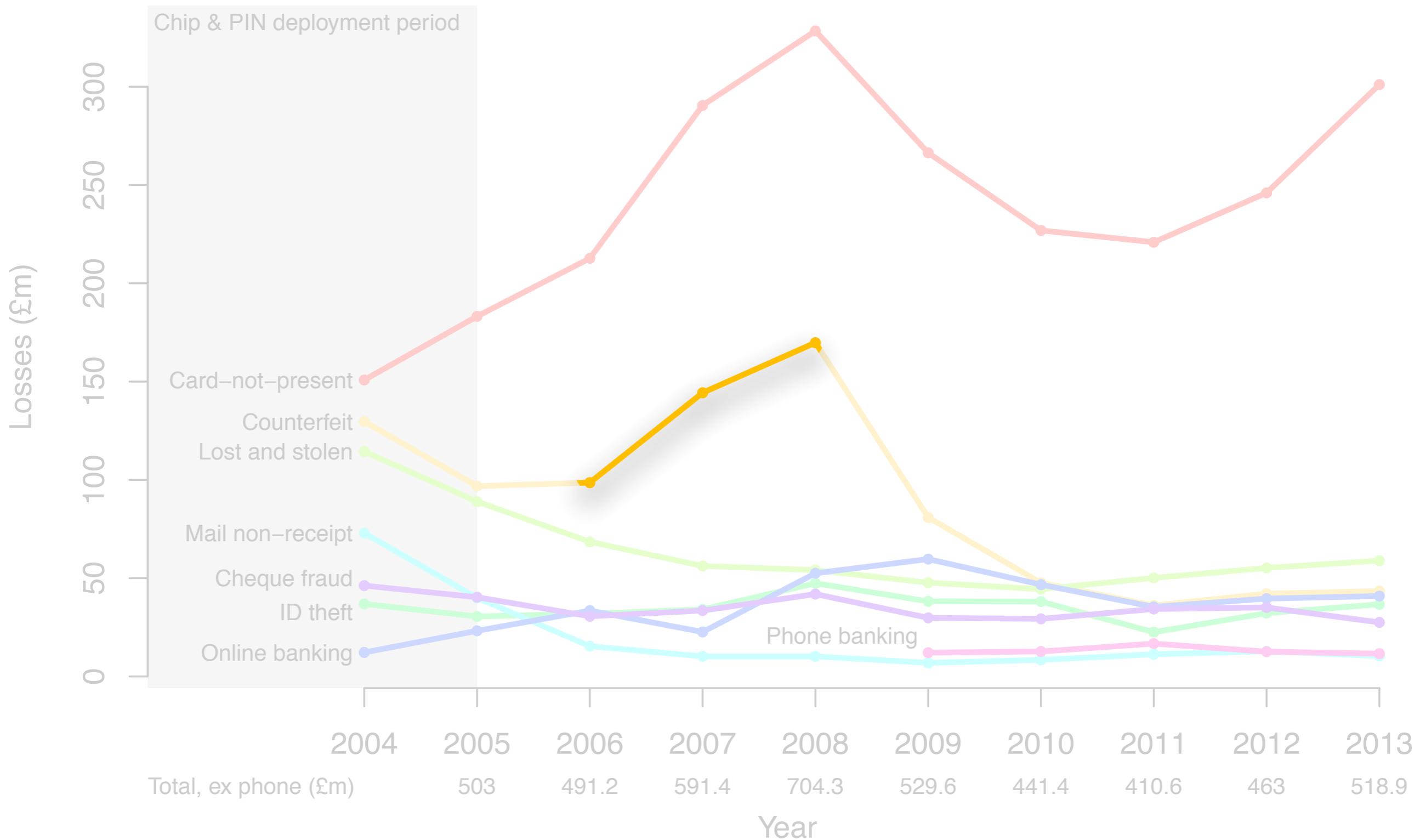


CASH

# Chip and PIN led to increase in counterfeit fraud



# Chip and PIN led to increase in counterfeit fraud



# Card is responsible for cardholder verification

- Card states ways by which cardholder verification can be performed and the preference (e.g. first PIN, then signature)
- If PIN used, terminal sends PIN to card and card checks if correct
- PIN sometimes encrypted
- Response **not encrypted or authenticated**

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606 2200

011900

£5.00

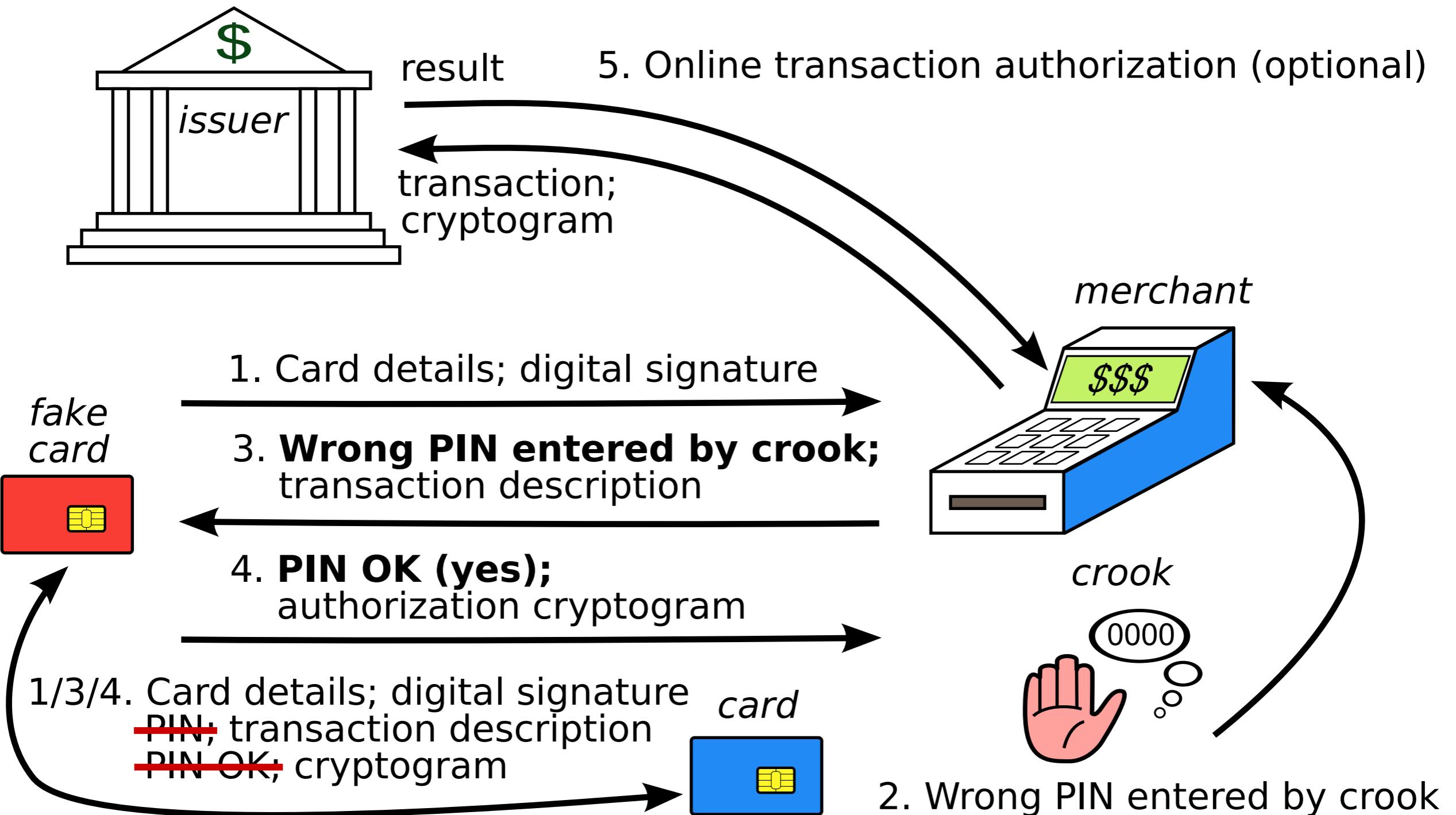
VISA

Enter PIN

ENT = OK

CANCEL = NO

# The no-PIN attack



# Response from industry

What is more, at this stage, the observations are the result of scientific research whose transposition outside laboratory conditions is complex since it would necessitate the use of highly sophisticated material.

— Le GIE des Cartes Bancaires (January 2010)

Neither the banking industry nor the police have any evidence of criminals having the capability to deploy such sophisticated attacks.

— UK Cards Association (February 2010))

# Response from criminals

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## L'imparable escroquerie à la carte bancaire

Un dispositif permettant de neutraliser la sécurité des puces des cartes bancaires a été utilisé pour la première fois en France. Plusieurs escrocs ont été arrêtés, mais cette arnaque n'a toujours pas de parade.

Publié le 24.01.2012



387 personnes recommandent ça. Soyez le premier



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Des escrocs, particulièrement expérimentés, sont parvenus à contourner la sécurité de la puce incorporée aux cartes bancaires — réputée inviolable —, avant de multiplier les arnaques. La technique employée — mise au jour en 2010, par un universitaire anglais, le professeur Ross Anderson — a été appliquée pour la première fois en France par une équipe établie en région parisienne et dans le Nord. Plusieurs d'entre eux viennent d'être interpellés par les enquêteurs de l'Office central de lutte contre la criminalité liée aux technologies de l'information et de la communication (OCLCTIC). Selon les premiers éléments de l'enquête, les malfrats ont réalisé près de 6000 achats pour un préjudice de plus de 500 000 €.

### SUR LE MÊME SUJET

Avez-vous confiance en votre carte bancaire?

Les policiers craignent de voir cette technique se répandre. « Pour l'heure, même si la personne qui s'est fait voler ou qui a perdu sa carte fait opposition sur cette dernière, les escrocs peuvent, malgré tout, continuer à s'en servir », note un policier spécialisé. C'est tout le problème de cette

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# Response from criminals

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## The unstoppable credit card scam

A device to neutralize the security chip bank card was used for the first time in France. Many scammers have been arrested, but this scam still does not have a parade.

Published on 24.01.2012



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# COMMENT FONCTIONNE LE STRATAGÈME



- 1 Les escrocs dérobent des cartes bancaires au cours de vols par ruse pour ne pas attirer trop vite l'attention de leurs victimes.



- 2 Ils modifient ensuite la carte en remplaçant la puce existante par une autre, programmée avec un logiciel qui bloque le système de sécurité.

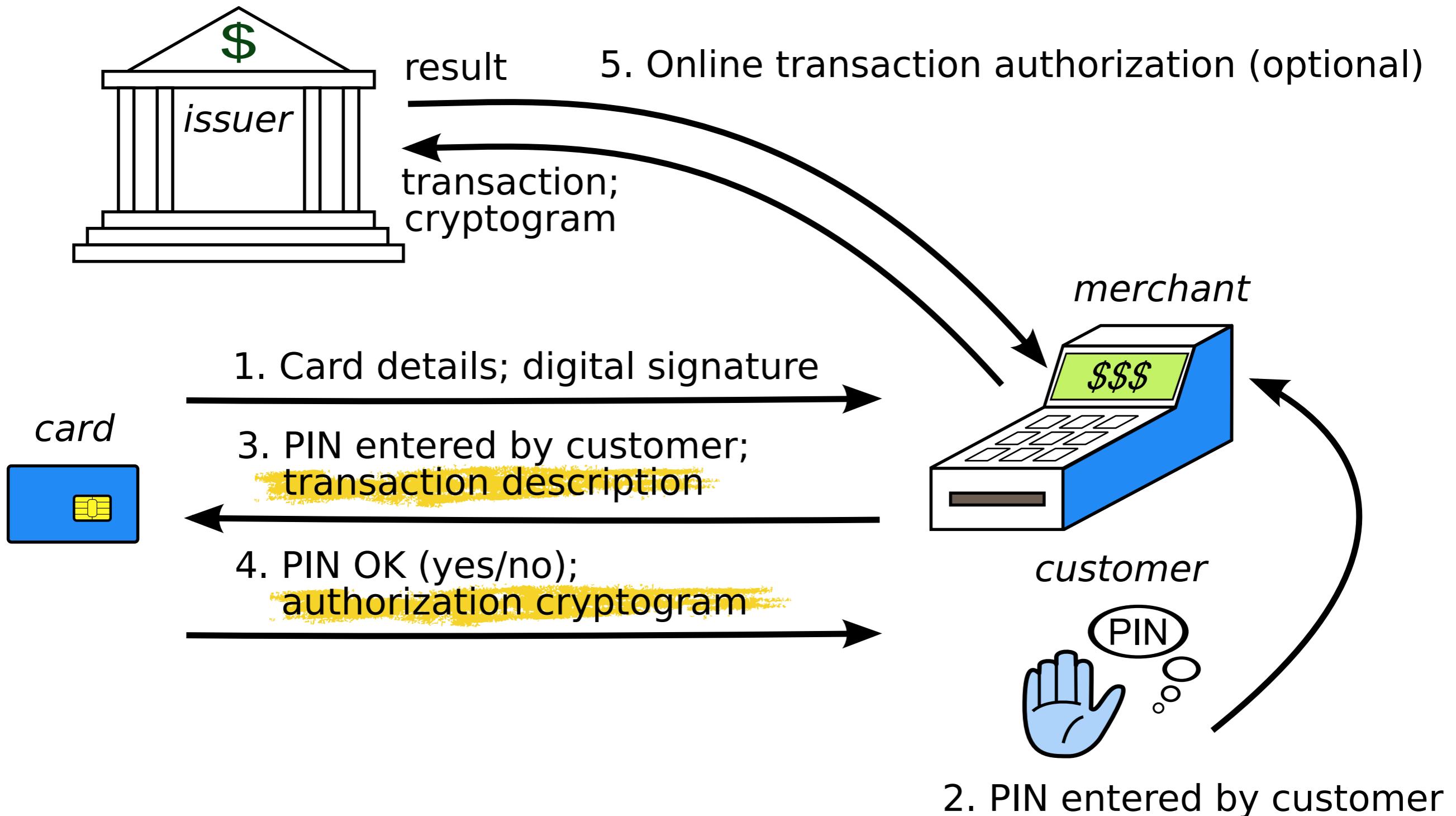


- 3 Les escrocs peuvent alors composer n'importe quel code confidentiel pour payer leurs achats, d'un montant inférieur à 100 €.



- 4 Les malfrats achètent, en général, des produits de consommation courante qui sont écoulés dans des réseaux clandestins.

# Unpredictable numbers are essential to prove that real card is present



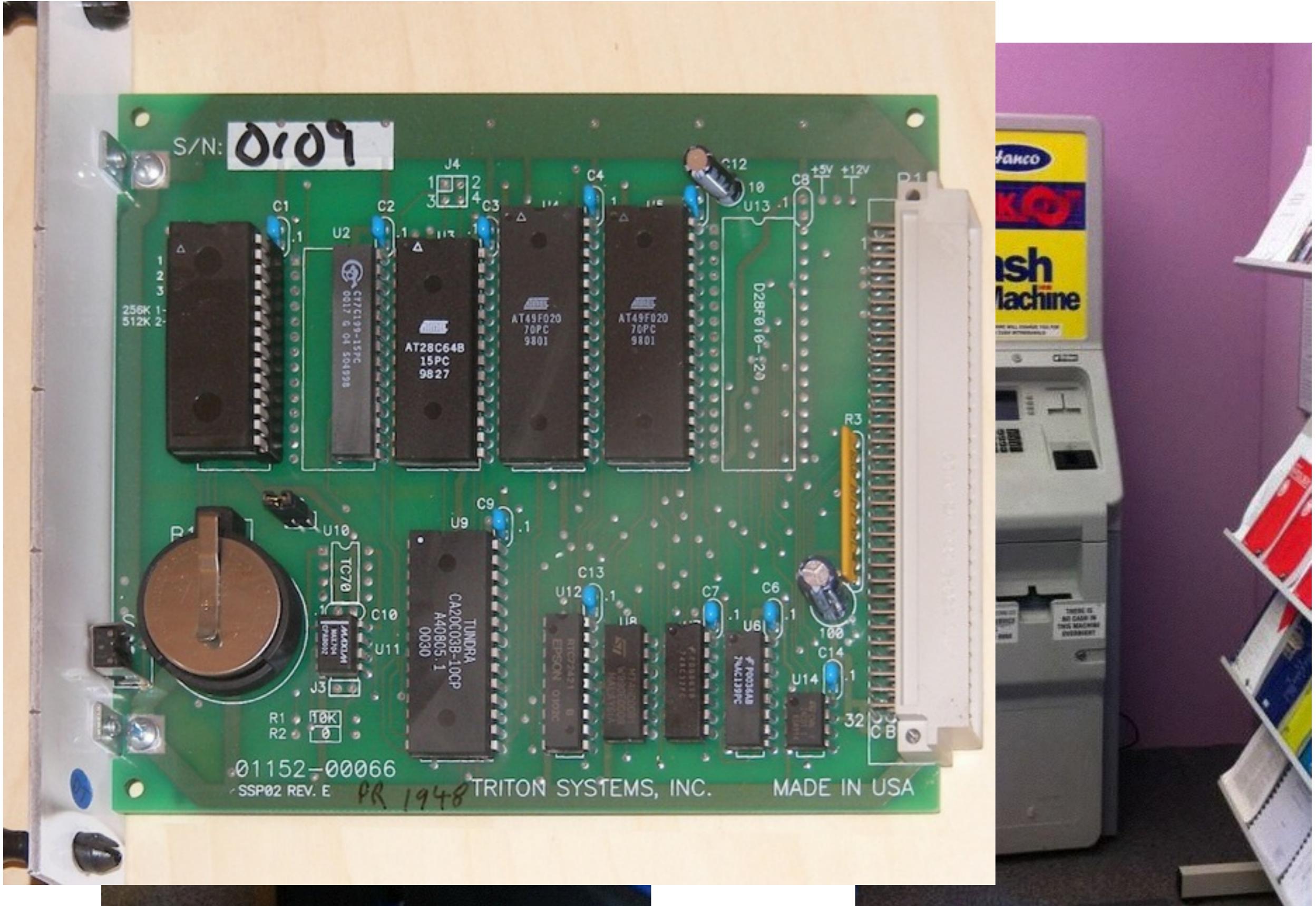
# Random numbers?

Date	Time	UN
2011-06-29	10:37:24	F1246E04
2011-06-29	10:37:59	F1241354
2011-06-29	10:38:34	F1244328
2011-06-29	10:39:08	F1247348

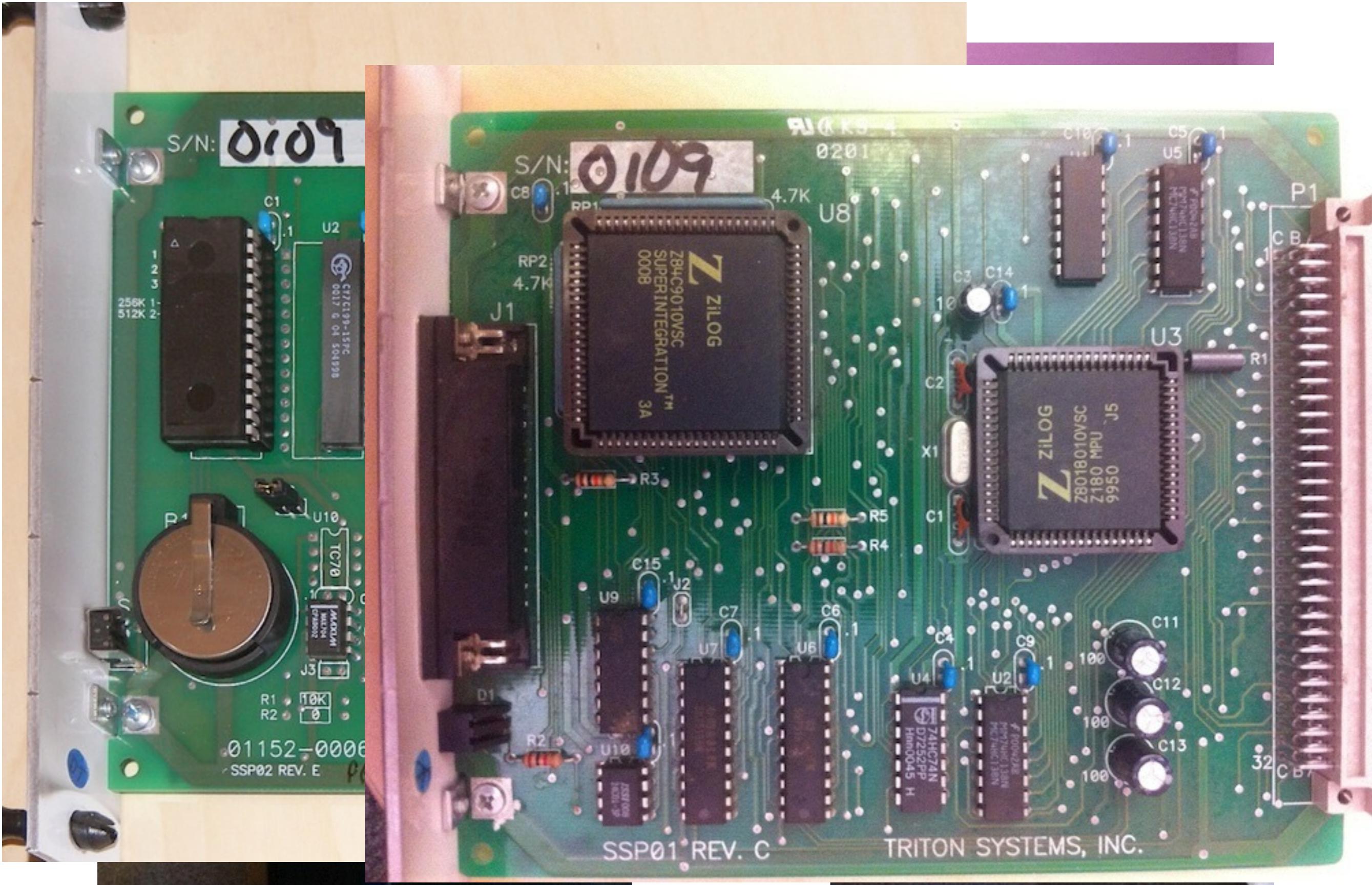
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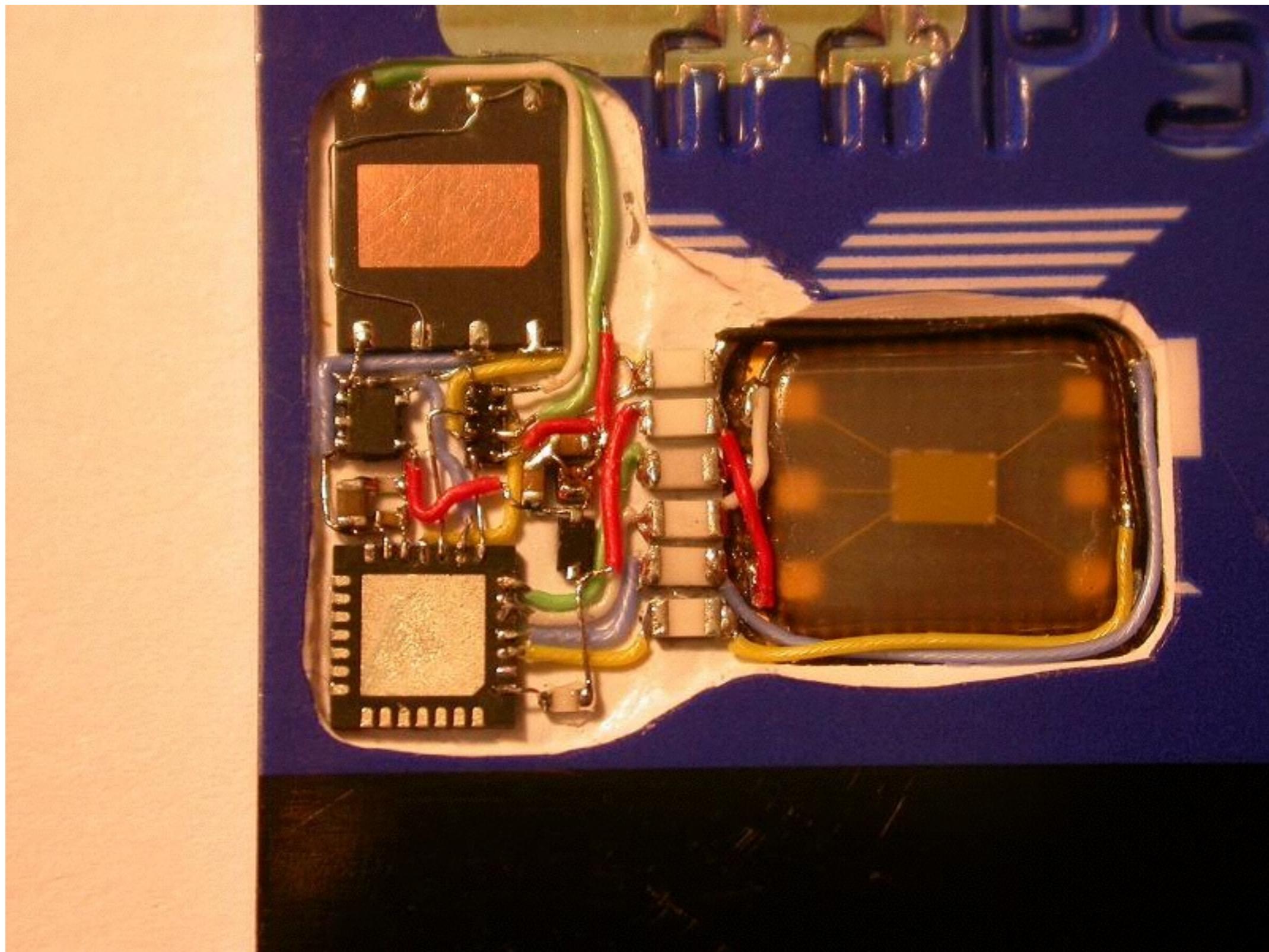
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# Surveying the problem



# Exploiting the vulnerability

- Pre-play card: load with cryptograms for expected UNs
- Malware attack: tamper with ATM or POS terminal to produce predictable UNs
- Tamper with ATMs or POS in supply chain
- Collusive merchant, modifies software
- Tamper with communications

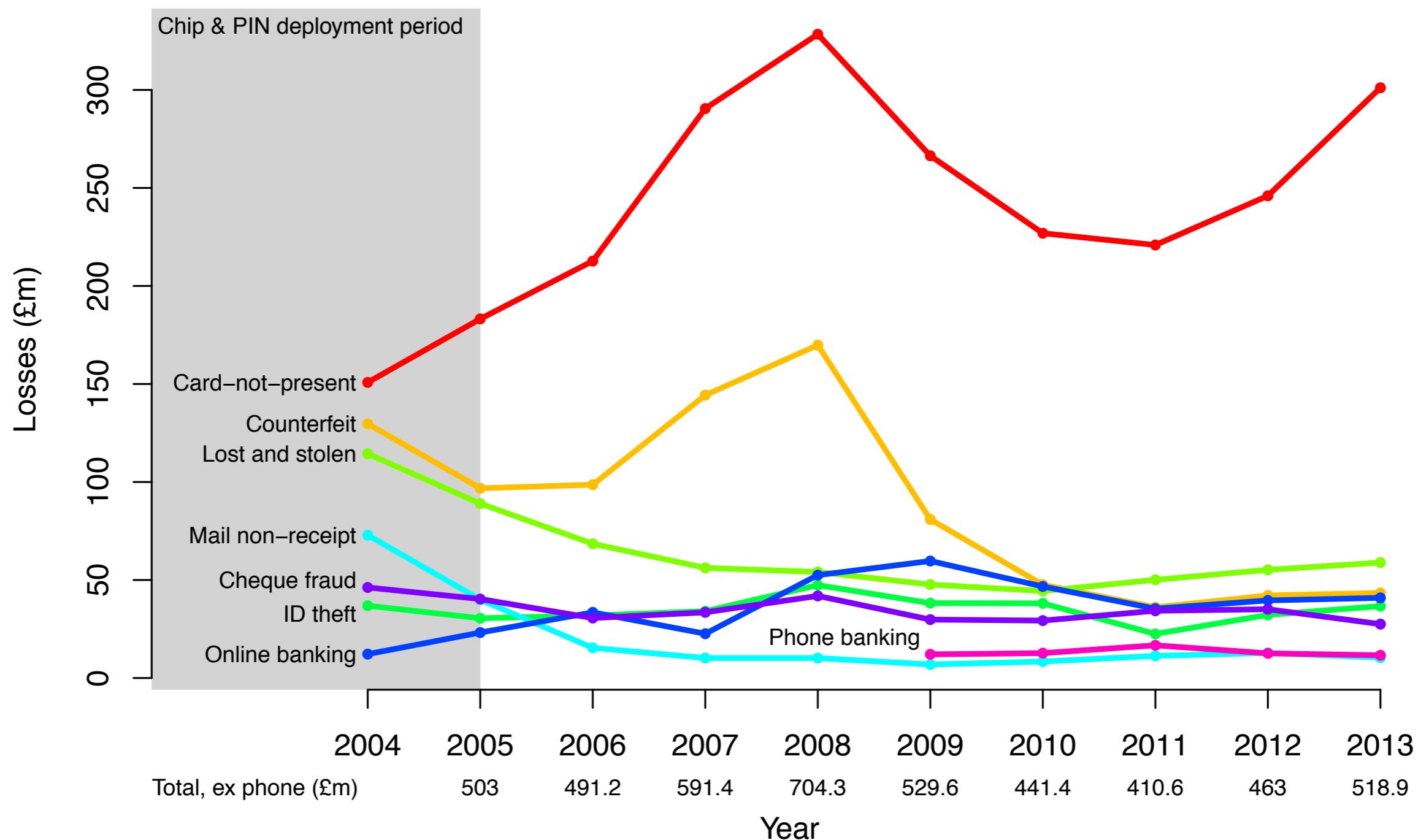
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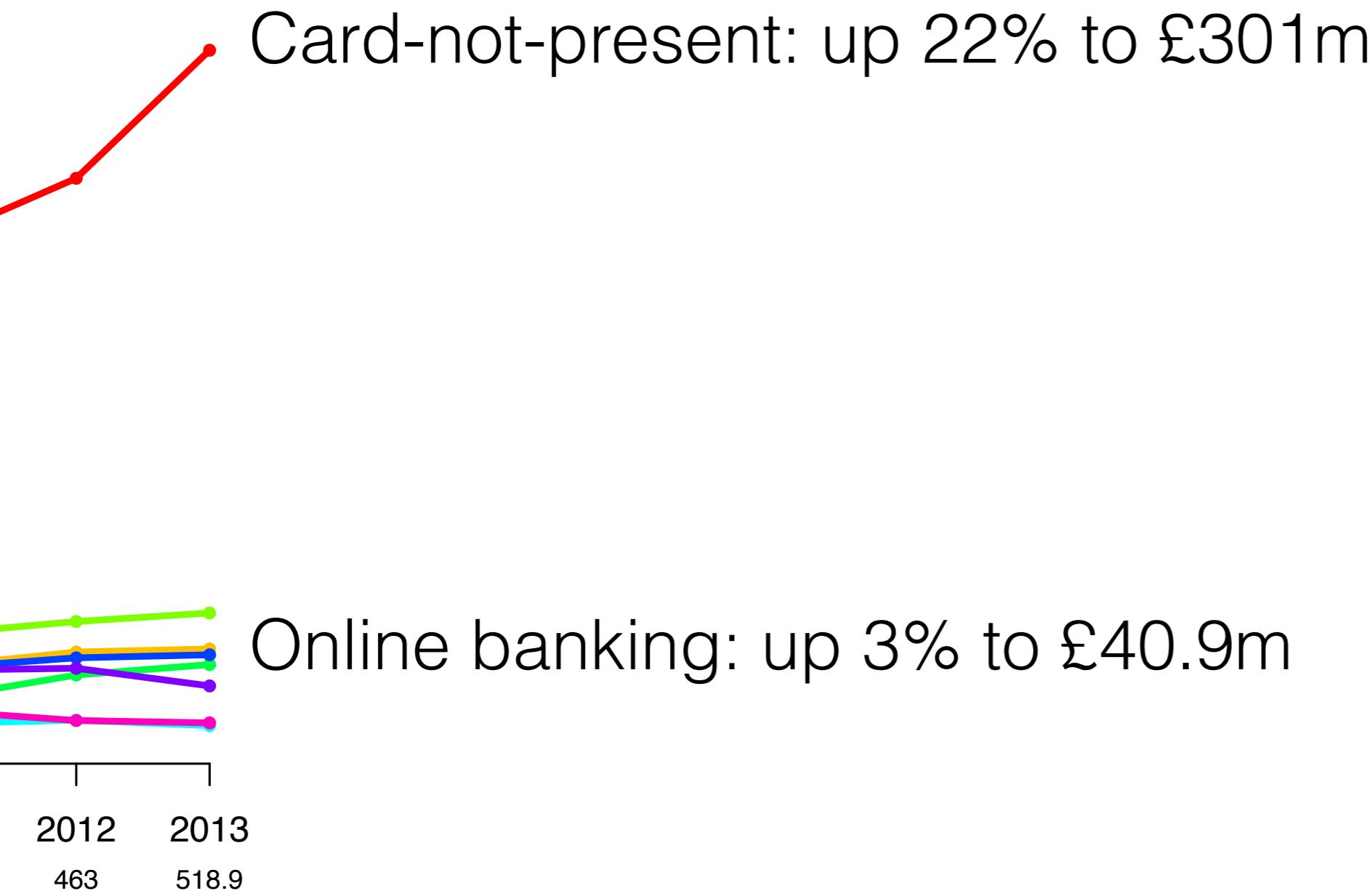
While Cambridge scientists have identified a theoretically potential, but technically complicated, type of card fraud, there is absolutely no evidence of this being undertaken in the real world.

— UK Cards Association (September 2014)

# What about online fraud?



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**Pay a bill**

**Destination account number**

**Recipient name**

**Amount**

**One time password**

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# EMV-CAP in the UK



# EMV CAP's weakness: attacker controls user experience

- User thinks they are typing random challenge but it is really part of an account number
- User thinks it's OK that details on device don't match those they entered on the computer
- User thinks they are performing a POS transaction but really it's online banking



# Usability is a security requirement



# Conclusions

- Don't underestimate criminals
- Better statistics are needed
  - Outside of UK
  - Customer losses
- Usability is a security requirement, especially when it comes to online payments