

CAN YOU READ THIS?

This image was captured with the help of a light sensor from the high-frequency fluctuations in the light emitted by a cathode-ray tube computer monitor which I picked up as a diffuse reflection from a nearby wall.

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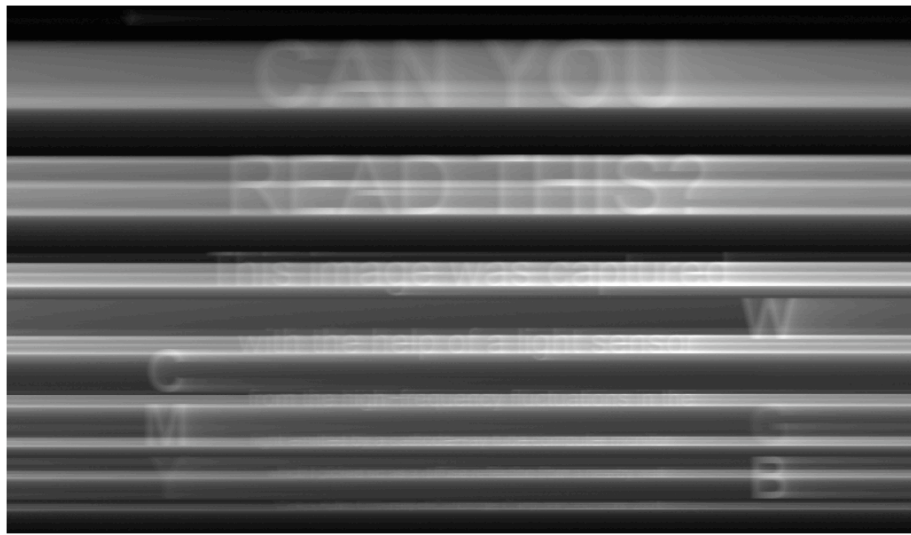


Figure 6.9: Unprocessed photomultiplier output after diffuse reflection from a wall

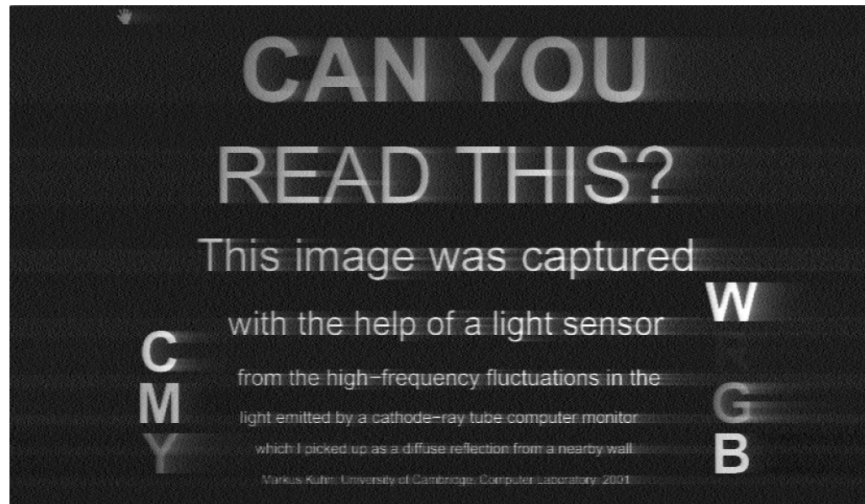


Figure 6.11: A much better image quality can be achieved by applying a matched filter with a frequency characteristic that is inverse to that of white shown in Fig. 6.7.



Figure 6. Reflections in two other tea pots, taken from a distance of 5m. The 18pt font is readable from the reflection in the left picture, and almost readable in the right picture.

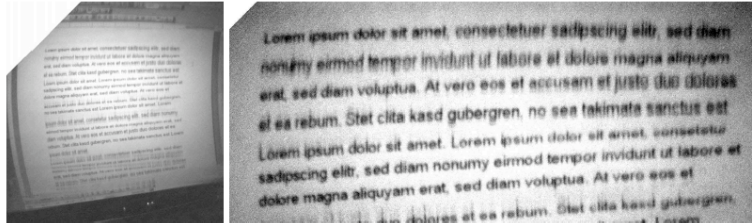


Figure 7. Reflection of a Word document with small 12pt font size in a tea pot, taken from a distance of 5m. The 12pt font is readable from the reflection.

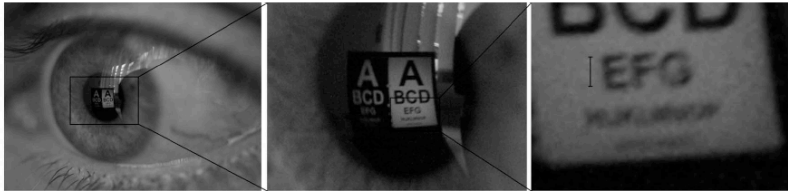


Figure 9. Image taken with a macro lens from very short distance, with realistic distance between the monitor and the eye. Readability is limited by the resolution of the camera.



Figure 10. Reflections in two different pairs of glasses, taken from a distance of 5m. Both the inner side and the outer side of glasses produce reflections. The 18pt font is readable from the reflection.

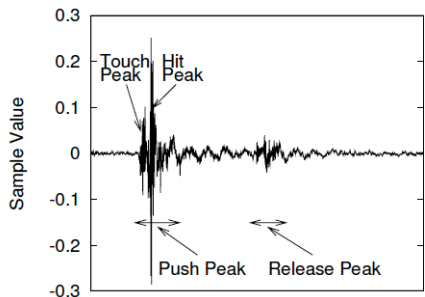


Figure 3: The audio signal of a keystroke.

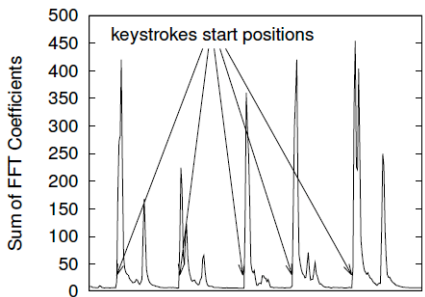


Figure 4: Energy levels over the duration of 5 keystrokes.

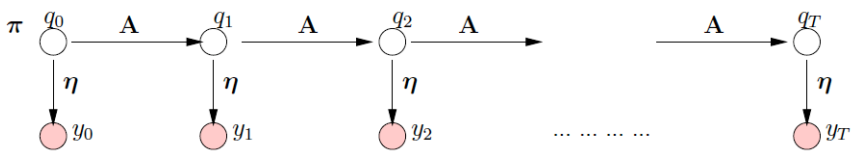
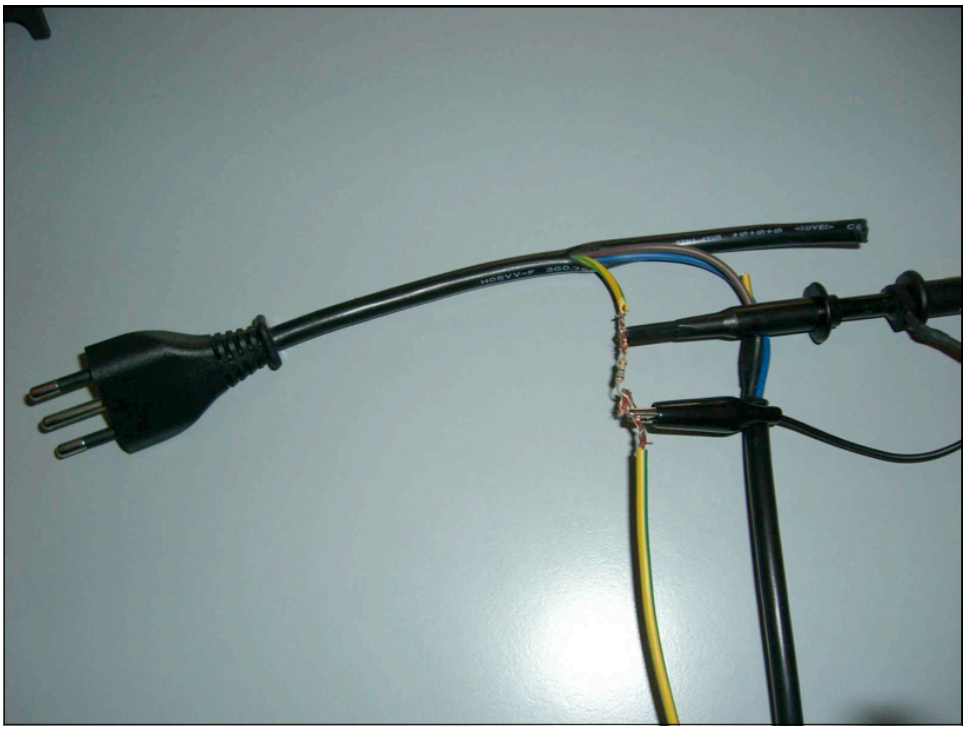


Figure 5: The Hidden Markov Model for unsupervised key recognition.

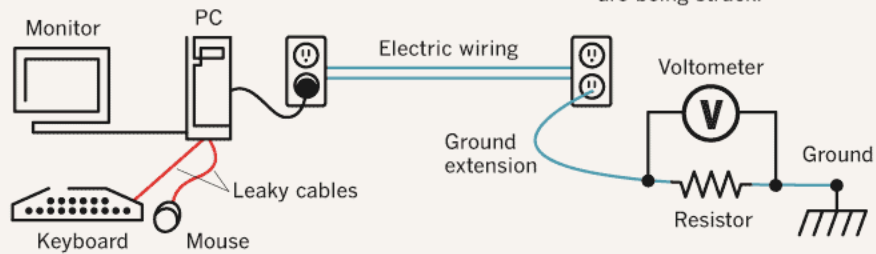


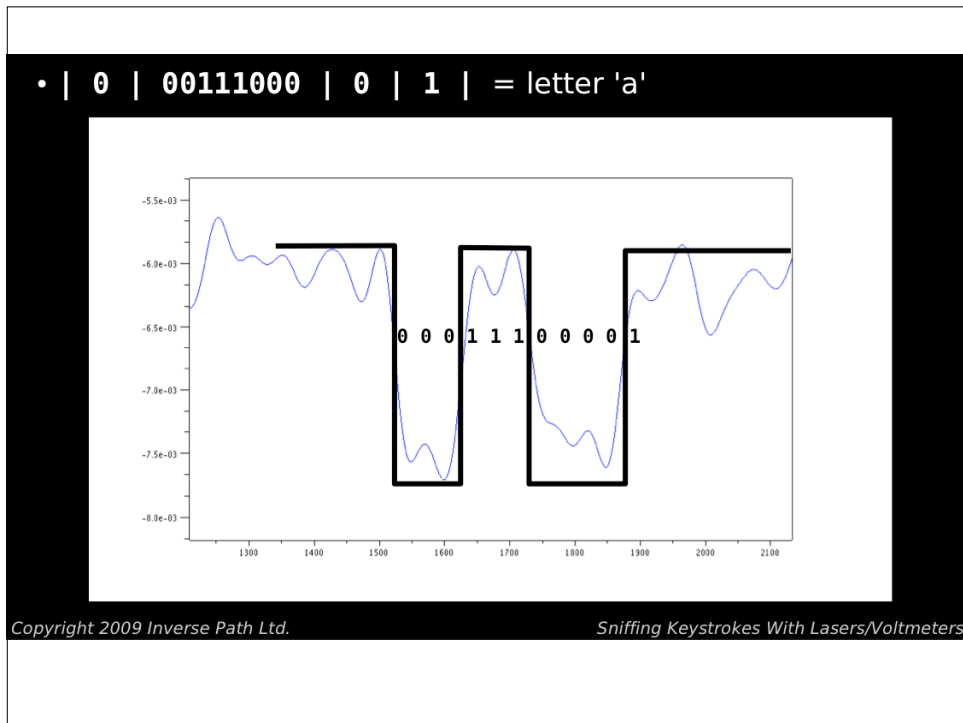
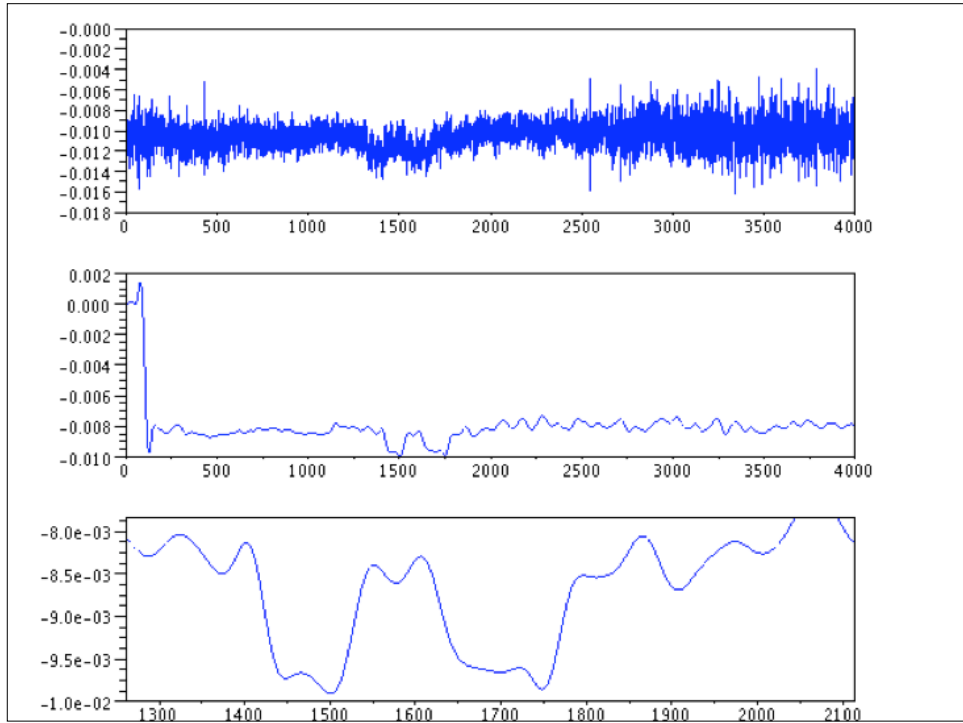


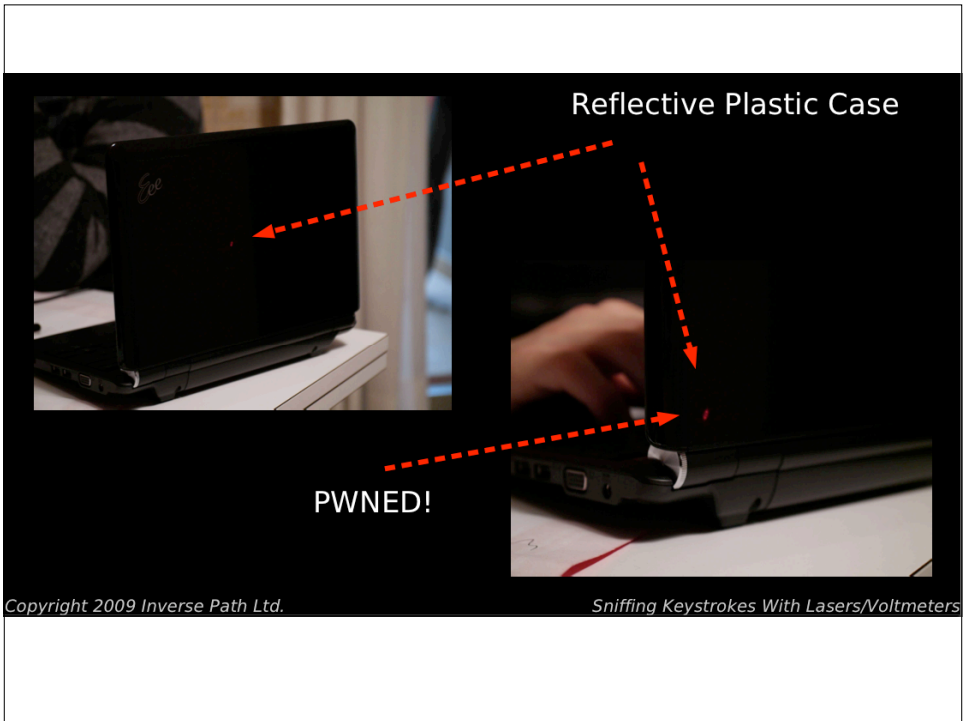
Stealing keystrokes through electric lines

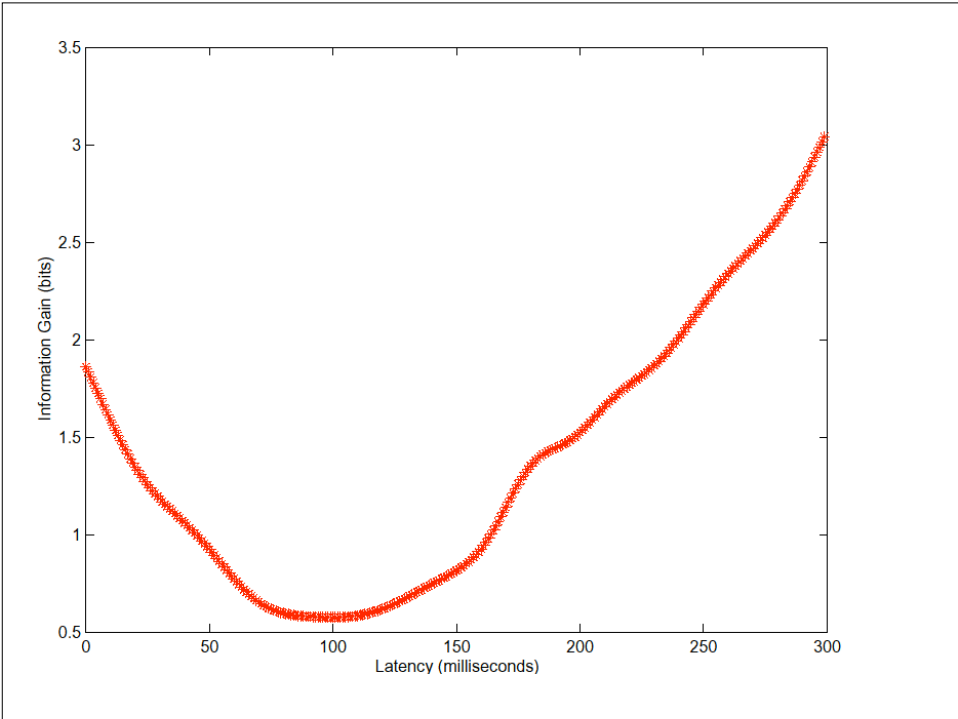
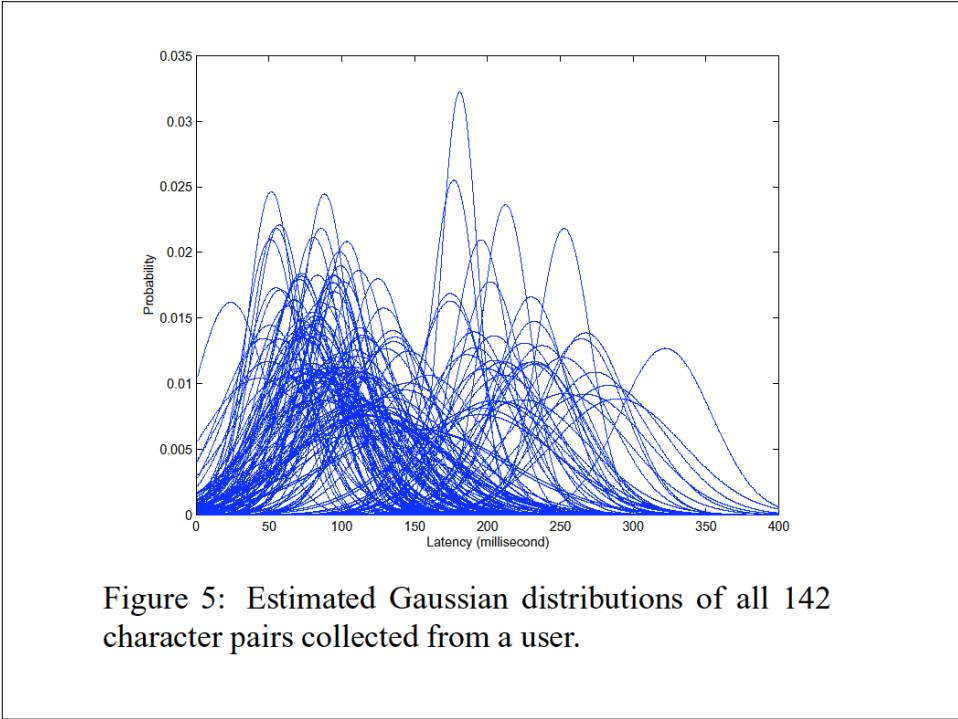
Relatively simple equipment can tap power lines to intercept what is being typed on nearby keyboards.

1. Unshielded wires in keyboard cables leak keystroke signals into the cable ground.
2. The signals continue along the ground wire of the electrical service feeding the PC.
3. Measuring voltage shifts across an extension of the electric-system ground reveals what keys are being struck.









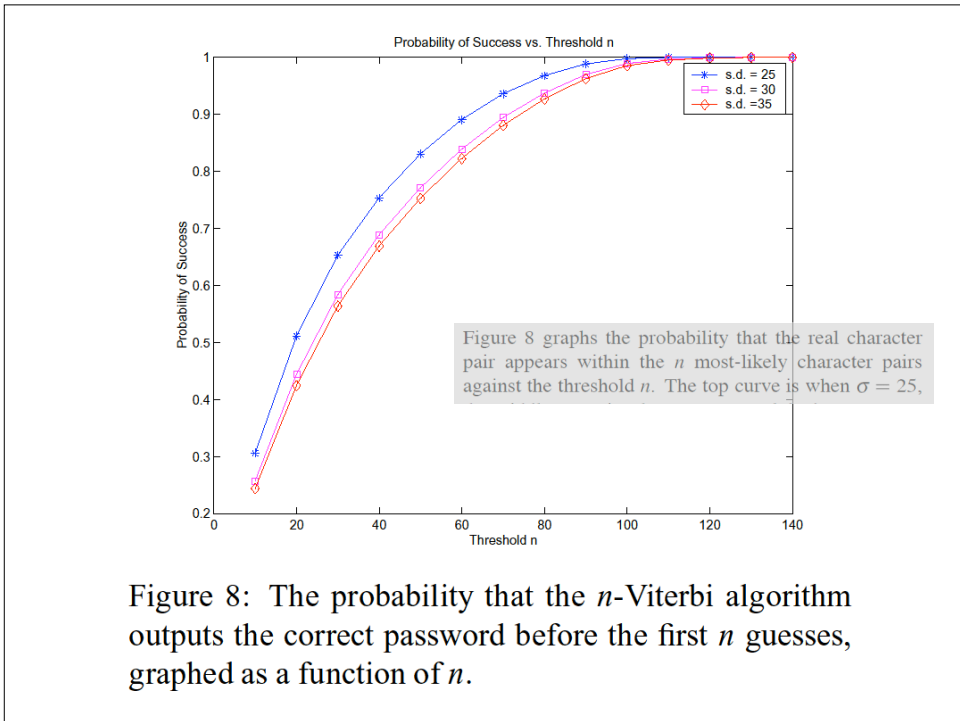
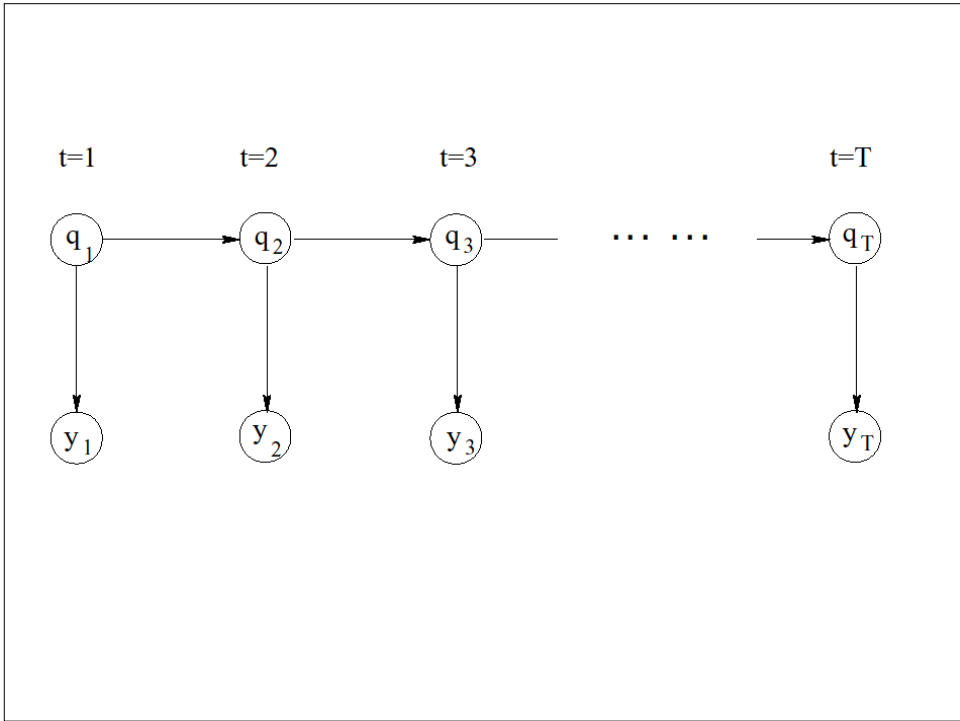


Figure 8: The probability that the n -Viterbi algorithm outputs the correct password before the first n guesses, graphed as a function of n .

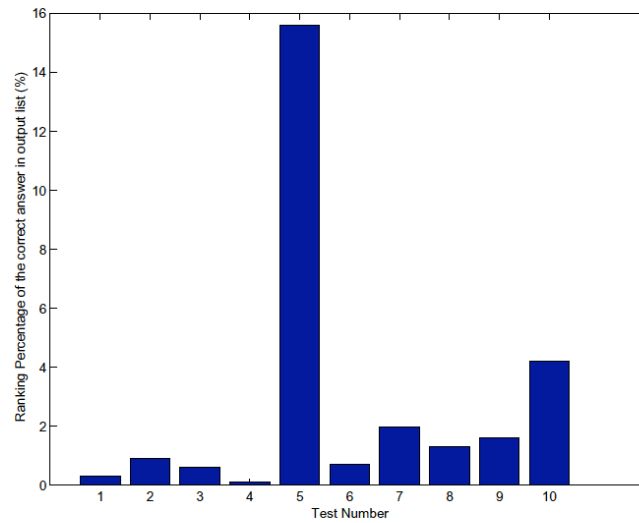


Figure 10: The percentage of the password space tried by Herbivore in 10 tests before finding the right password.

Training Set	Test Set	Test Cases				
		Password 1	Password 2	Password 3	Password 4	Password 5
User 1	User 1	15.6%	0.7%	2.0%	1.3%	1.6%
User 1	User 2	62.3%	15.2%	7.0%	14.8%	0.3%
User 1	User 3	6.4%	N/A	1.8%	3.1%	4.2%
User 1	User 4	1.9%	31.4%	1.1%	0.1%	28.8%
User 2	User 1	4.9%	1.3%	1.6%	12.3%	3.1%
User 2	User 2	30.8%	15.0%	2.8%	3.7%	2.9%
User 2	User 3	4.7%	N/A	5.3%	6.7%	38.4%
User 2	User 4	0.7%	16.8%	3.9%	0.6%	5.4%

Table 1: Success rates for password inference with multiple users. The numbers are the percentage of the search space the attacker has to search before he finds the right password.

