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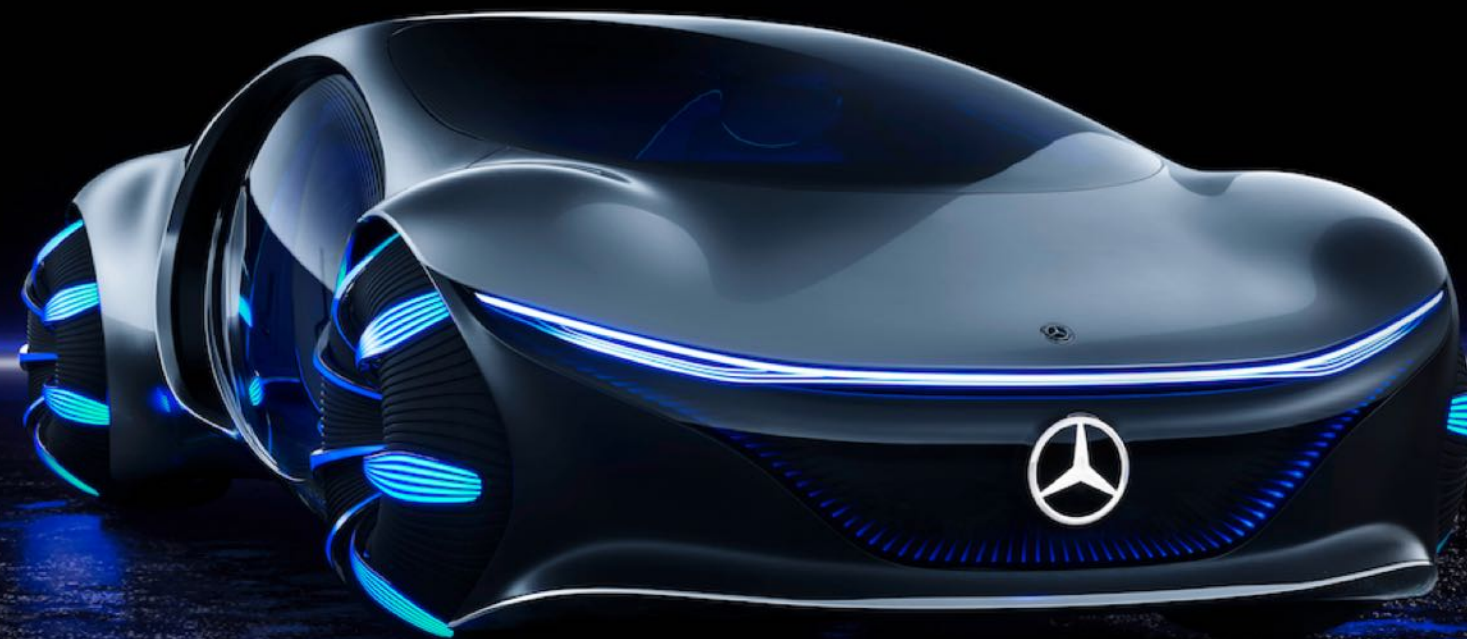
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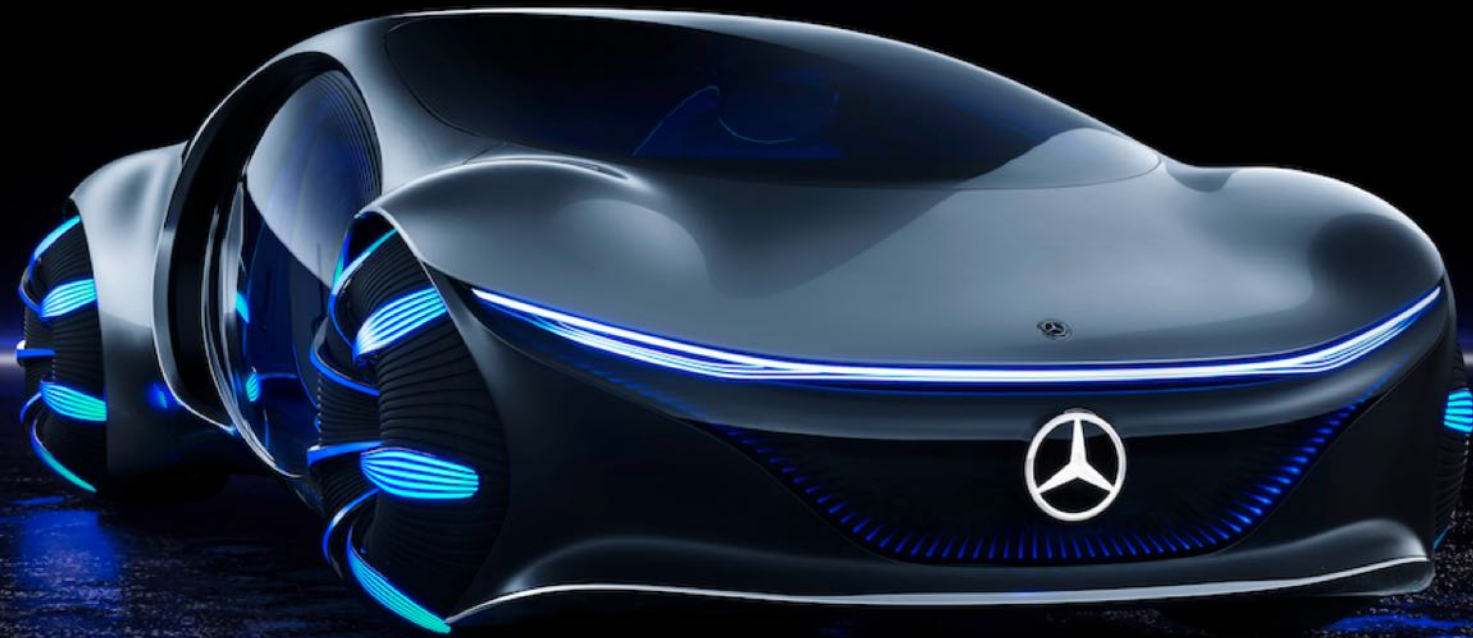


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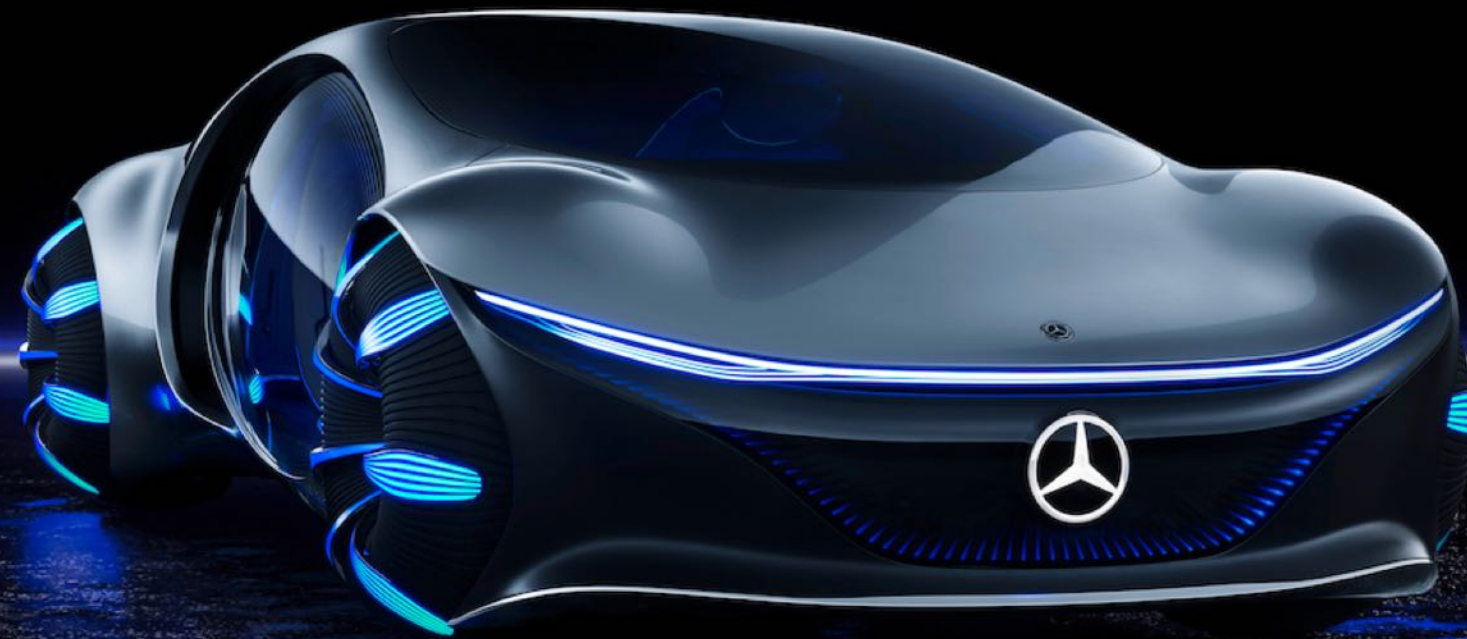
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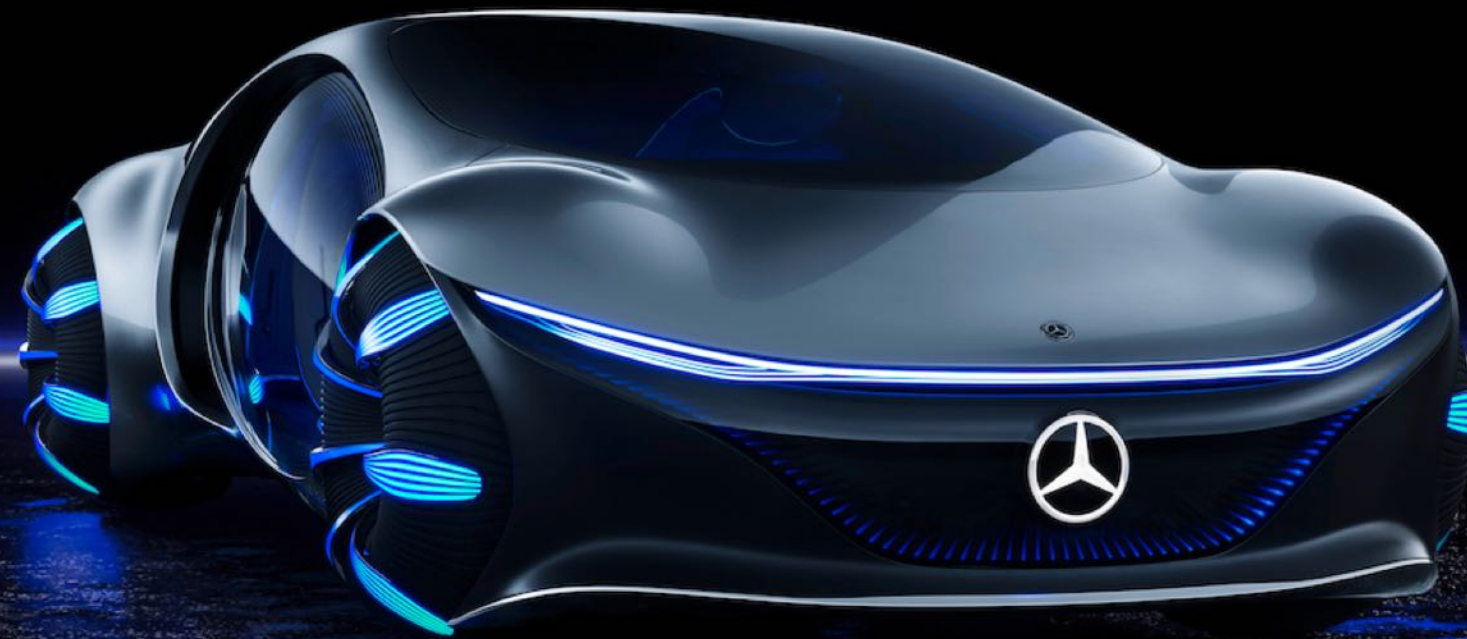
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Securing the Connected Car & Defending a Fleet







FleetSecOps: Ongoing Fleet Defense



Cars on the Road

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Assess

Detect

Protect

Respond



Cars on the Road

Who We Are

- Skyo-Go Team is a security research team established in 2014
- Focus on Connected Cars, Industry Security
- 75% market share on Cybersecurity of Connected Cars in China
- Notable Researches
 - 2014 Tesla & BYD Connectivity Functionality
 - 2016 Tesla Autopilot System
 - 2017 CAN-Pick (CAN-Bus evaluation platform, published in Black Hat USA 2017)
 - 2018 VADS (Vehicle Active Defense System for CAN-bus)
 - 2019 Mercedes-Benz: From Hardware to Control



Timeline

- July 16, 2018: Start Reverse Engineering on Mercedes–Benz Cars (360)
- Aug 21, 2019: The findings reported to Daimler (360)
- Aug 23, 2019: The services shutdown: preventing further effect on MB cars (Mercedes–Benz)
- Aug 26, 2019: Initial fix (Mercedes–Benz)
- Sep 12, 2019: All access vulnerabilities fixed (Mercedes–Benz)
- Oct 23, 2019: Joint workshop (360 & Mercedes–Benz)
- Aug 06, 2020: Black Hat USA Publication (360 & Mercedes–Benz)

Result of Our Research

- Impact all Mercedes-Benz connected cars in China over **2 millions**.
- Get access to invoke remote service to control the car, like control the doors, lights, windows, engines without physical access.

Agenda

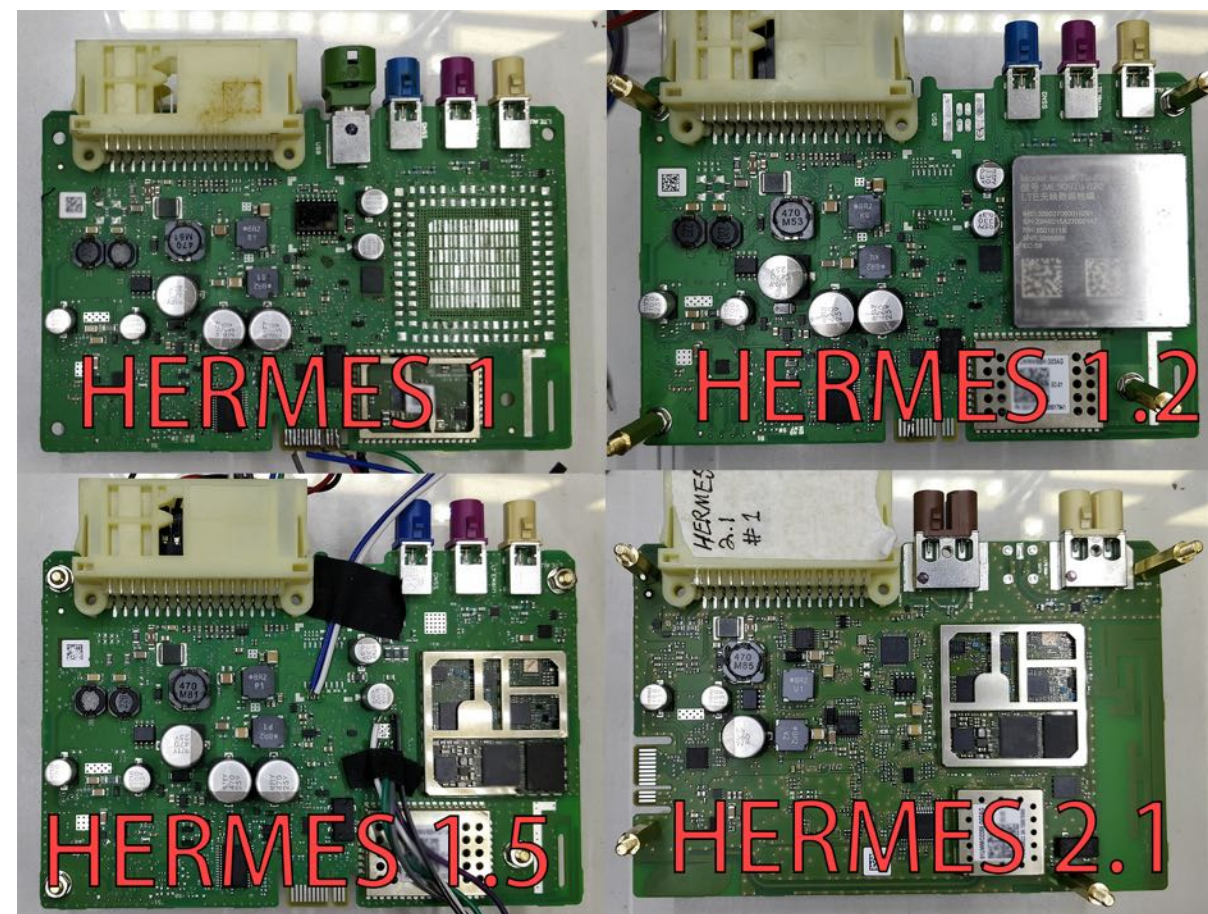
- Build Testbench
- HERMES Jailbreak
- Way to Car Control
- Summary from Sky-Go
- Incident Response
- Summary from Mercedes-Benz

Build Testbench

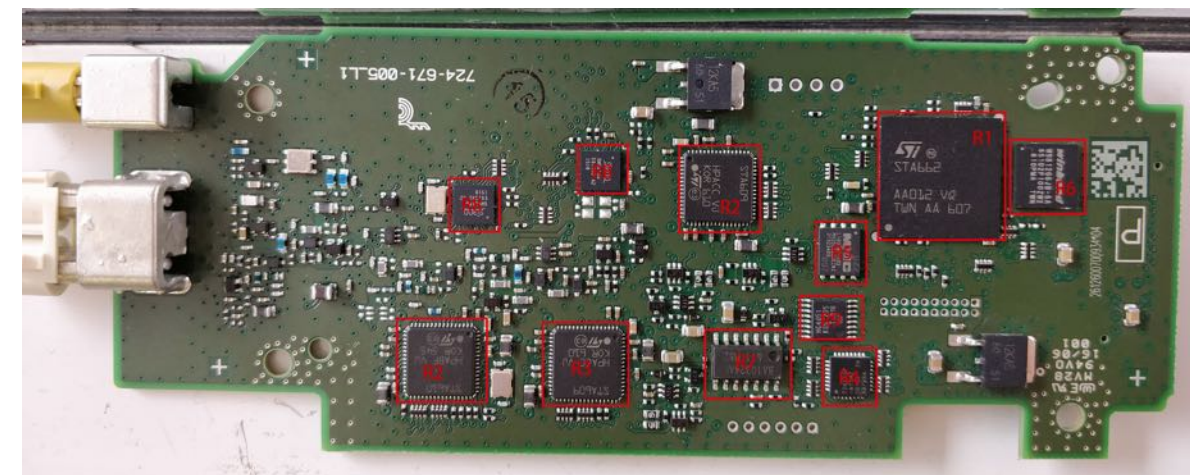
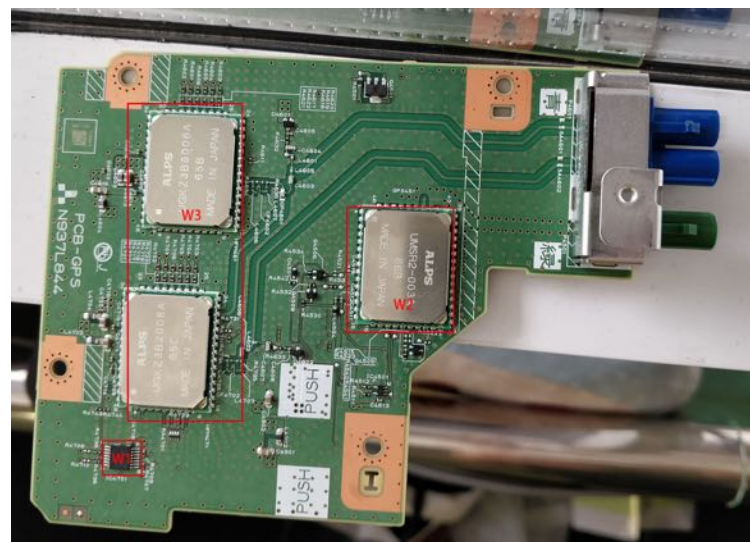
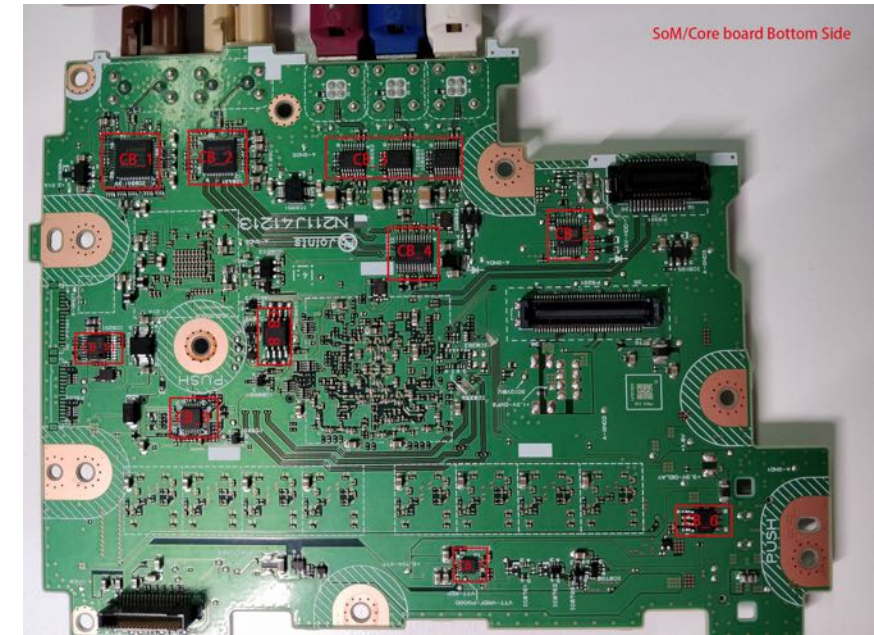
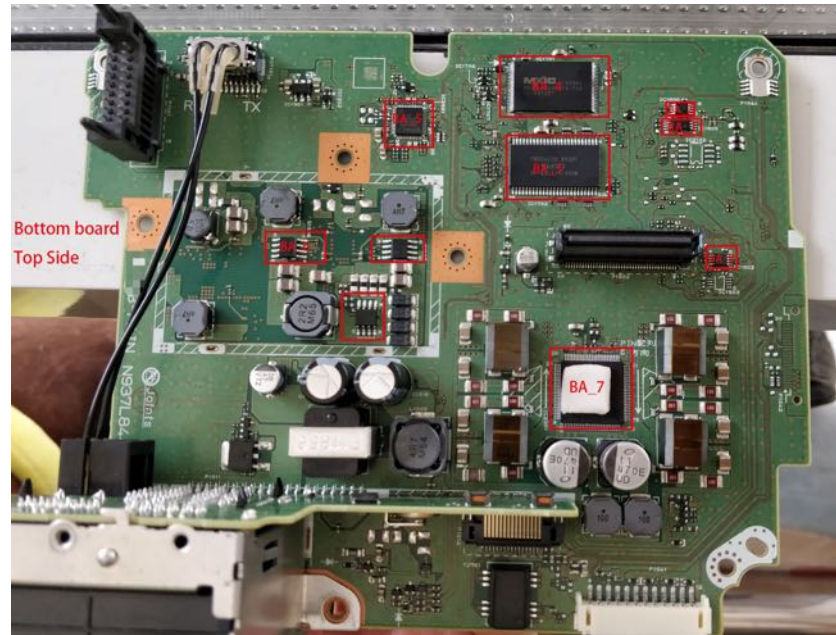
Key components

- HERMES (a.k.a. TCU)
- Head-Unit (a.k.a. IVI)

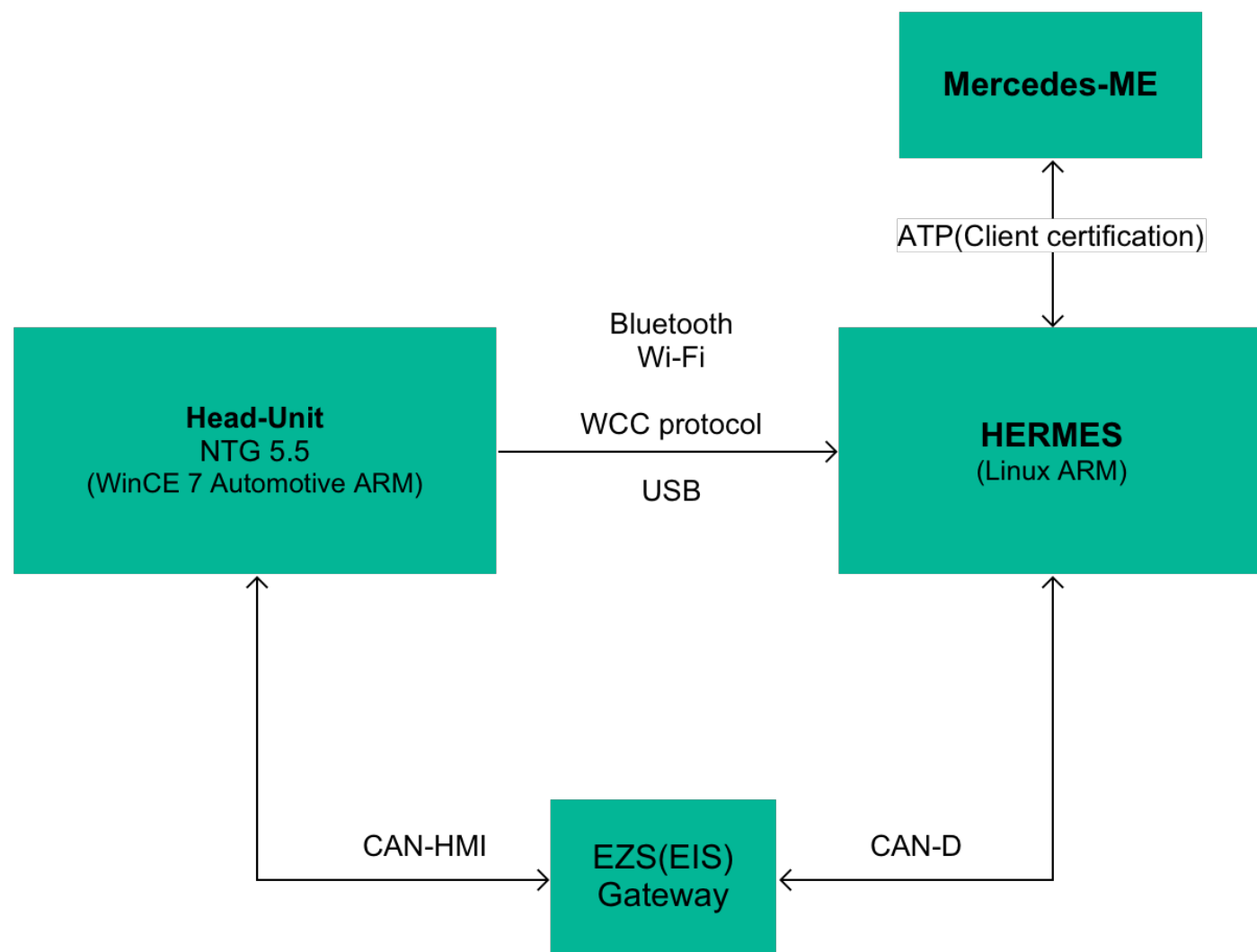
Test devices – HERMES



Test devices – Head-Unit

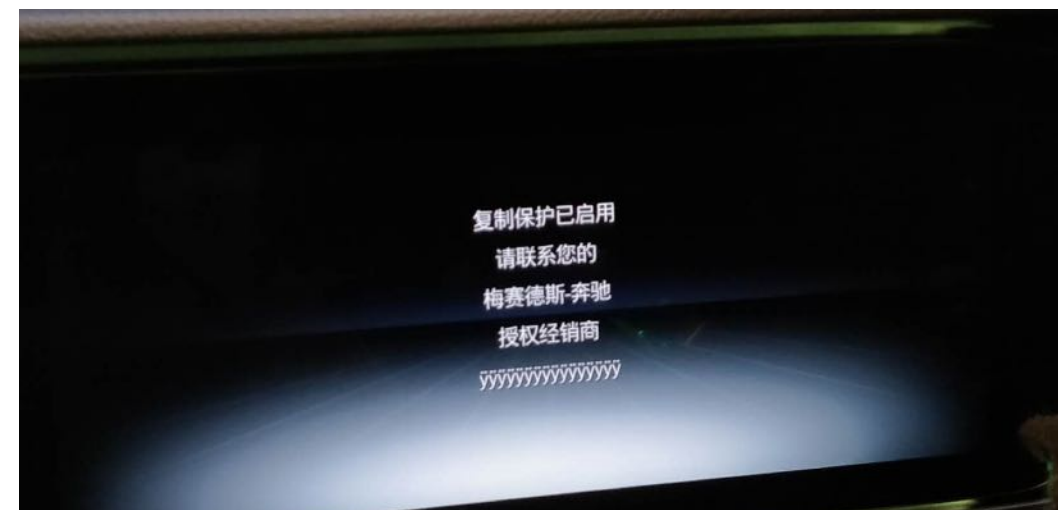


Testbench on Table



Against with the anti-theft

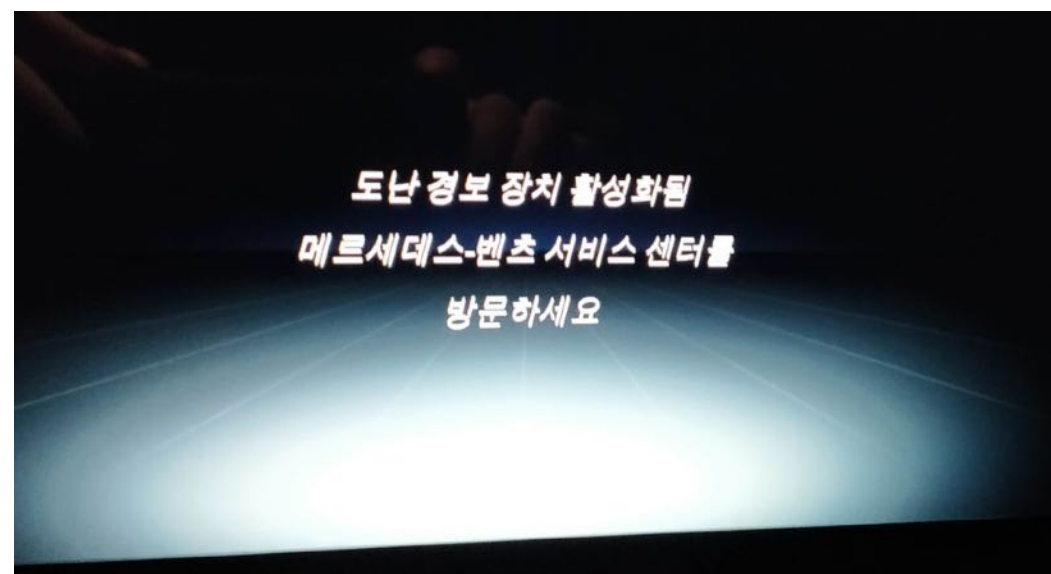
- Varieties of anti-theft warning.
- Our goal is to start the Head-Unit.



Copy-protection Warning



Anti-theft protection, please restart



Anti-theft protection

Against with the anti-theft

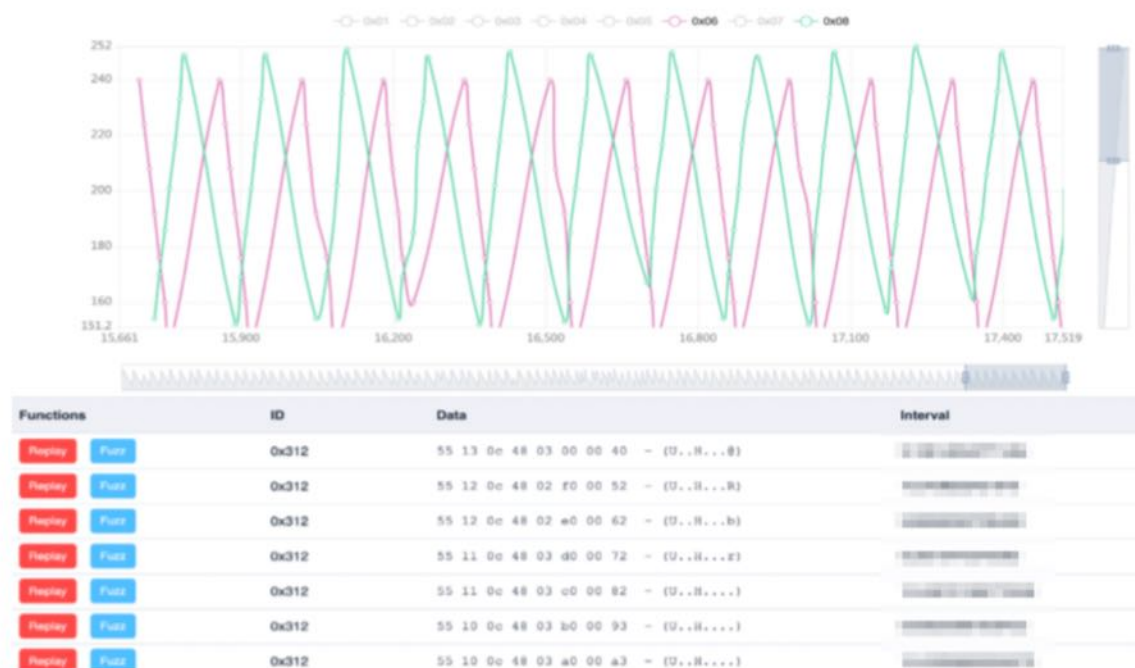
- Ask your dealer to remove the anti-theft lock.
- You need
 - Service fee each time \$100
 - Reservation
 - Time



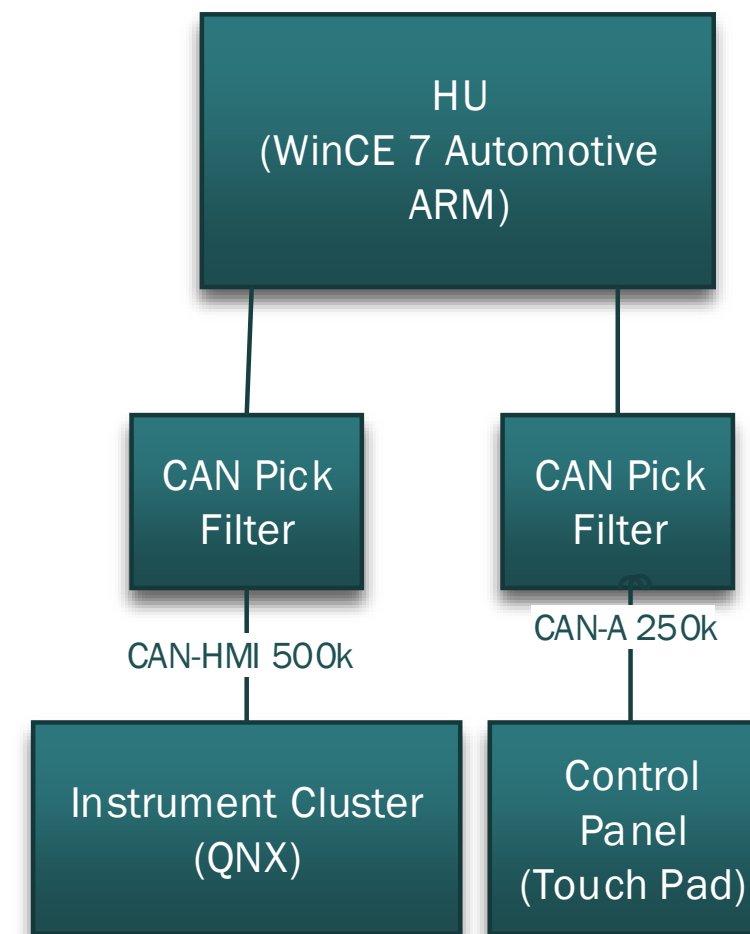
Xentry + SD Connect

Against with the anti-theft

- Backup the SD-card.
- Using CAN-bus toolkit to find out the anti-theft trigger message.

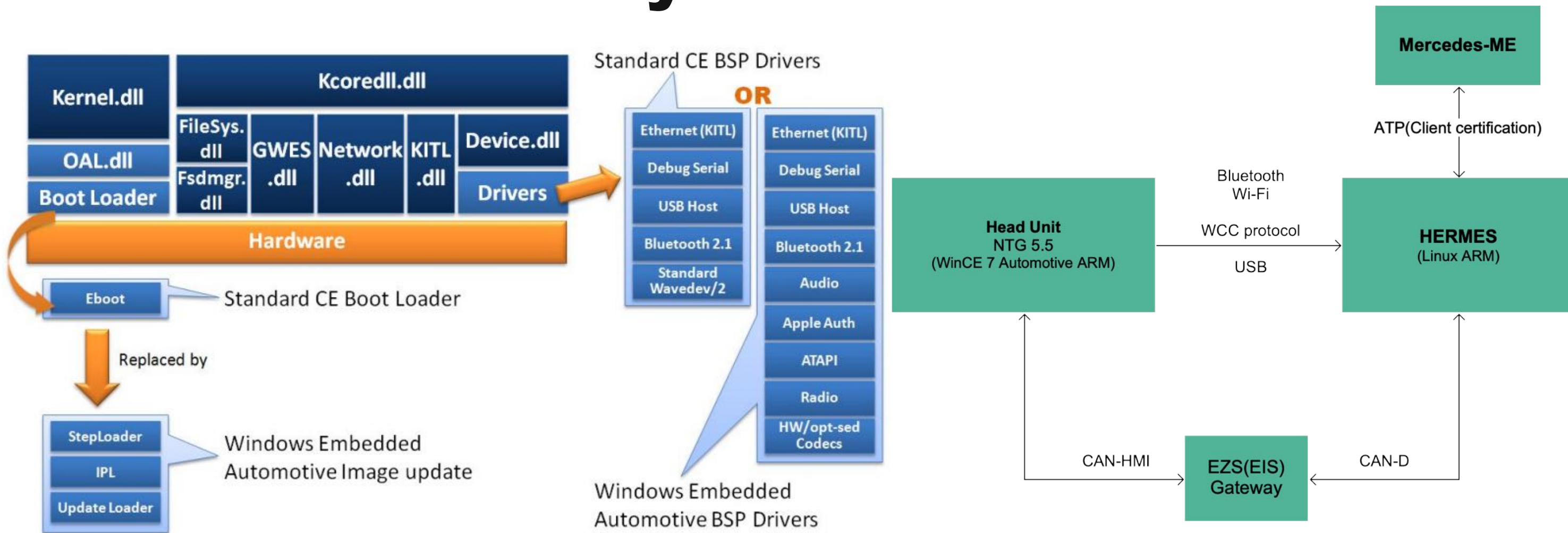


Heart beats



CAN-bus MITM Diagram

Attack Vector Analysis



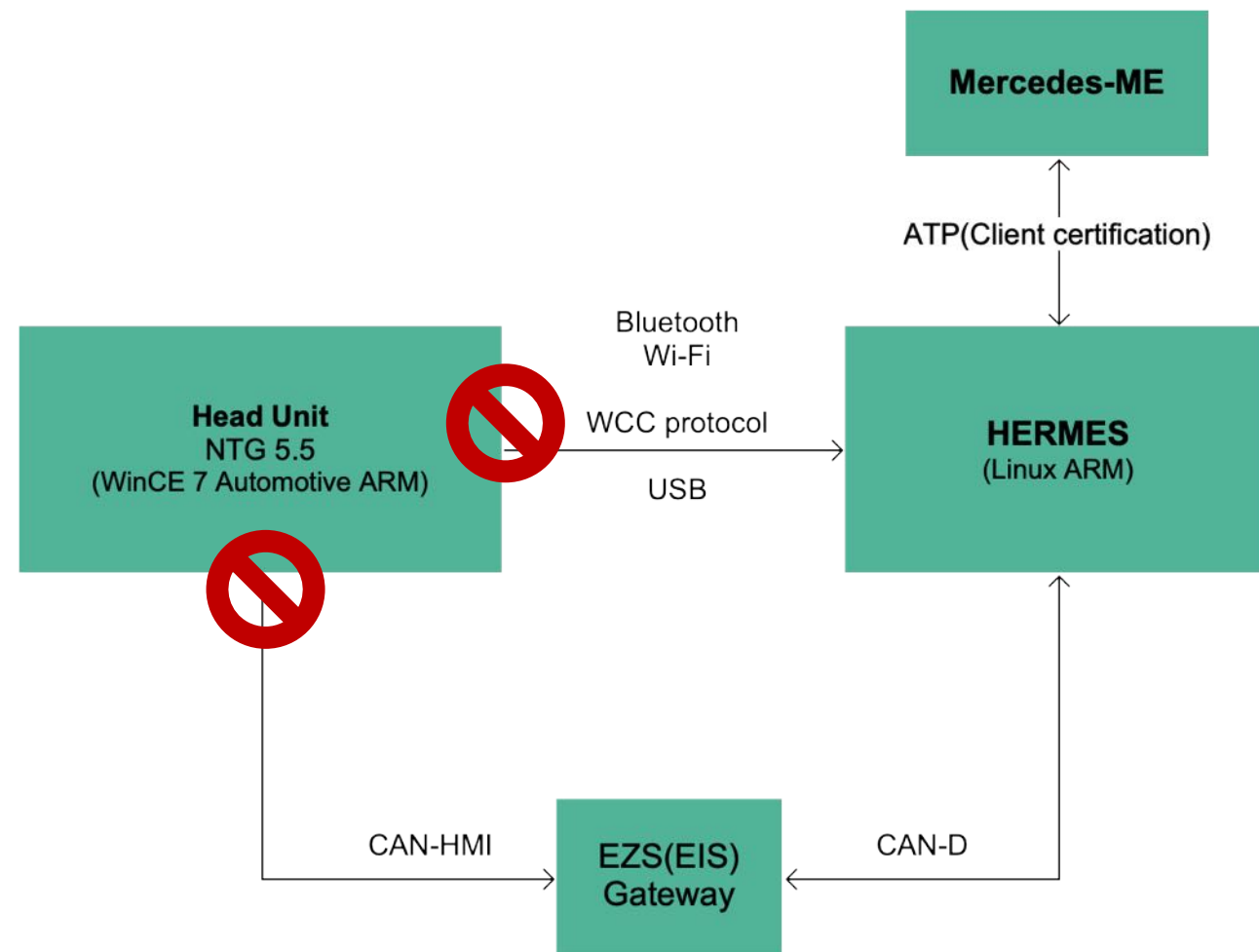
Windows CE Automotive System Architecture

Attack Vector Analysis

- Head-Unit
 - Windows CE Automotive 7 is so hard

Name	Modified	Type	Size
...	10/8/19 11:20 AM	applicatio...	3.8 KiB
...	10/8/19 11:20 AM	applicatio...	359.8 KiB
...	5/22/16 8:06 AM	Configuration Settings	12.5 KiB
...	5/22/16 7:58 AM	DOS/Windows executable	3.6 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:32 AM	DOS/Windows executable	27.0 KiB
...	5/21/16 6:32 AM	DOS/Windows executable	3.7 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:30 AM	DOS/Windows executable	1.1 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:29 AM	DOS/Windows executable	3.8 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:27 AM	DOS/Windows executable	4.3 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:25 AM	DOS/Windows executable	2.5 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:21 AM	DOS/Windows executable	1,003.0 KiB
...	5/21/16 6:20 AM	DOS/Windows executable	1.3 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:19 AM	DOS/Windows executable	43.5 KiB
...	5/21/16 6:19 AM	DOS/Windows executable	848.0 KiB
...	5/21/16 6:19 AM	DOS/Windows executable	2.8 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:18 AM	DOS/Windows executable	2.0 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:17 AM	DOS/Windows executable	6.1 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:13 AM	DOS/Windows executable	11.5 KiB
...	5/21/16 6:12 AM	DOS/Windows executable	7.0 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:12 AM	applicatio...	2.2 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:08 AM	DOS/Windows executable	5.0 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:05 AM	DOS/Windows executable	9.7 MiB
...	5/21/16 6:00 AM	DOS/Windows executable	75.0 KiB

Executable files in Head Unit



Attack Vector Analysis

- Head-Unit
 - Windows CE Automotive 7 is so hard
 - Without source code
 - Without debug environment

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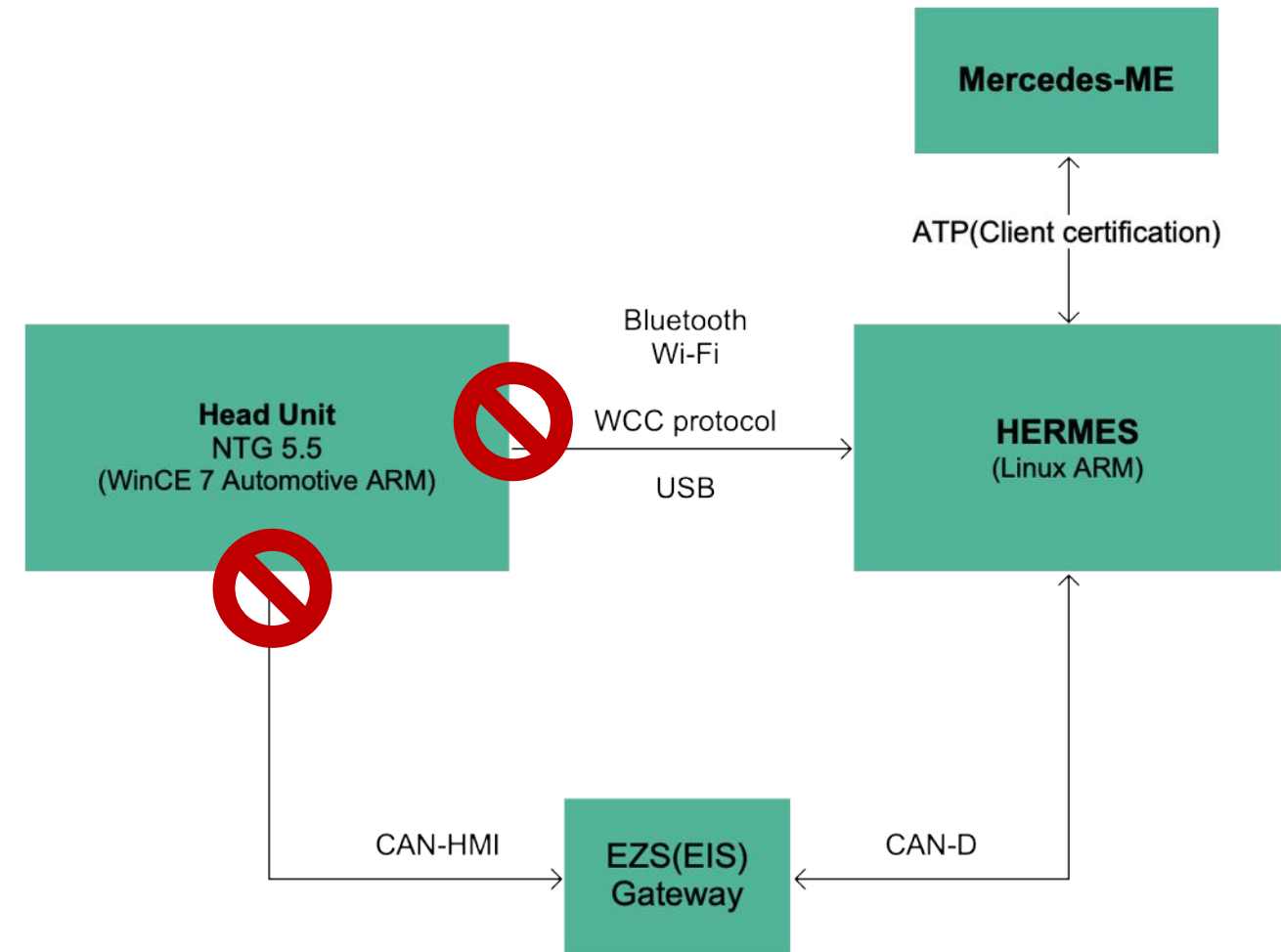
$ python ./nb0_dumper.py NAVI-APL.img_decompressed

name          offset          load_addr      toc_p          toc_offset
0x00000000    0x00000000    0x80000000    0x8C069BD8    0x0C069BD8

dllfirst      dlllast         physfirst      physlast       nummods        uLRAMStart
sCPUType     usMiscFlags    pExtensions    ulTrackingStart ulTrackingLen
0x4001EE43   0x455FF000    0x80000000    0x8C06F140    0x000001FE    0x8D200000
x000001C2   0x00000002    0x800016D0    0x00000000    0x00000000

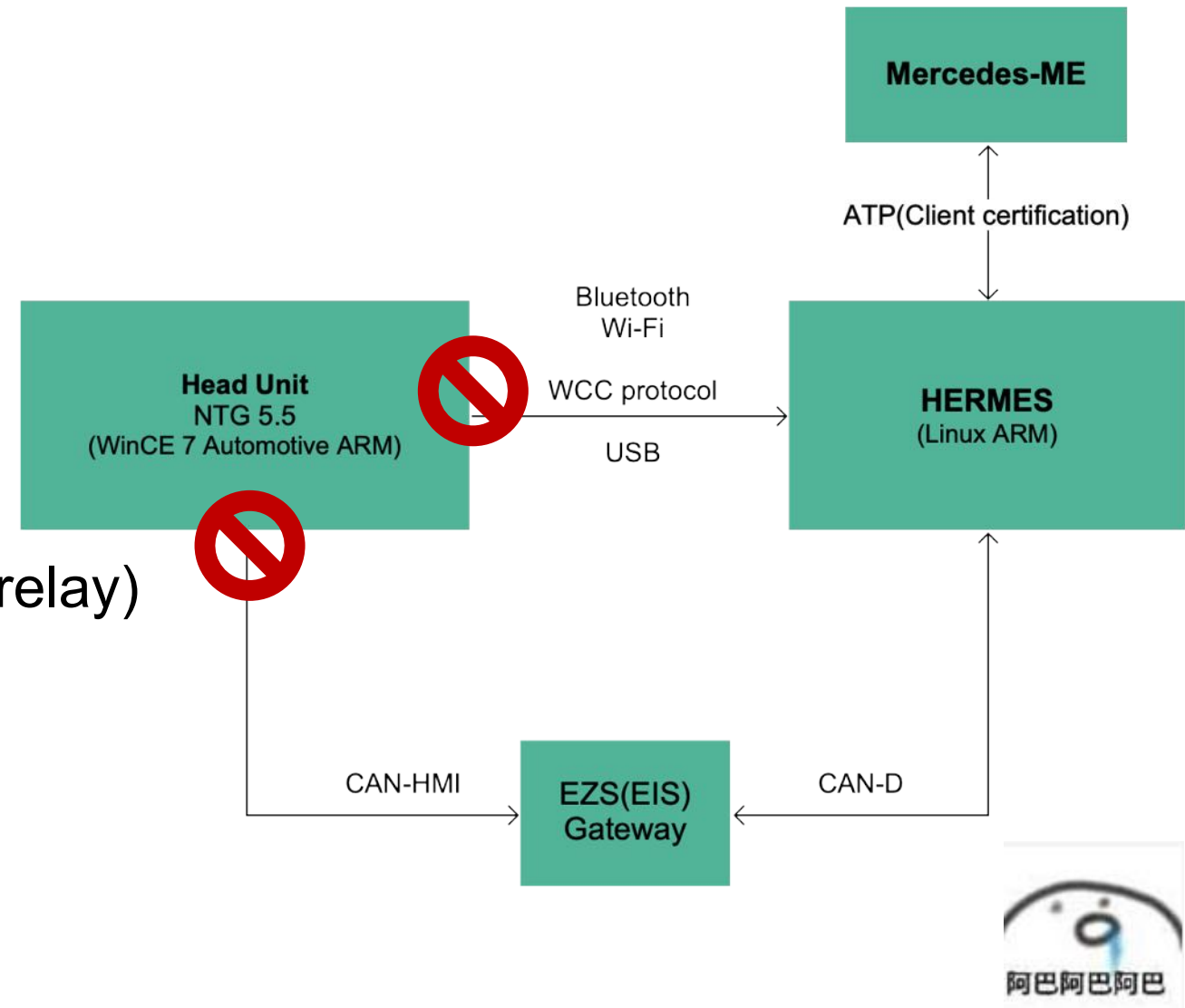
dwFileAttributes  ftTime          nFileSize
0x00000007       2016-05-17 08:51:04  0x00039000
0x00000007       2016-05-17 08:51:05  0x00015000
0x00000007       2016-05-17 08:18:11  0x00056000
0x00001007       2016-05-17 09:00:33  0x000B1000
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0x00000007       2016-05-17 08:18:01  0x00099000
    
```

Kernel file



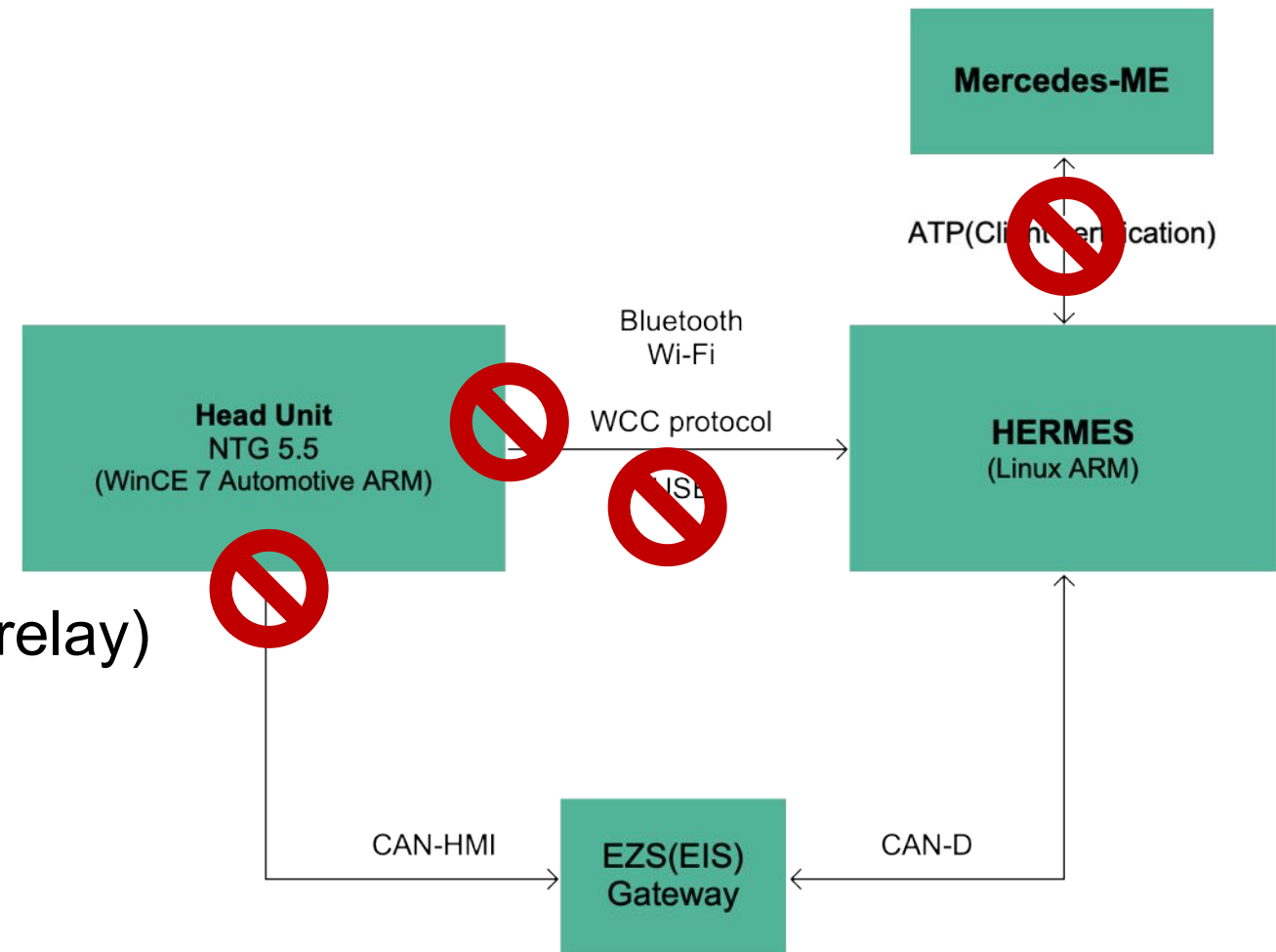
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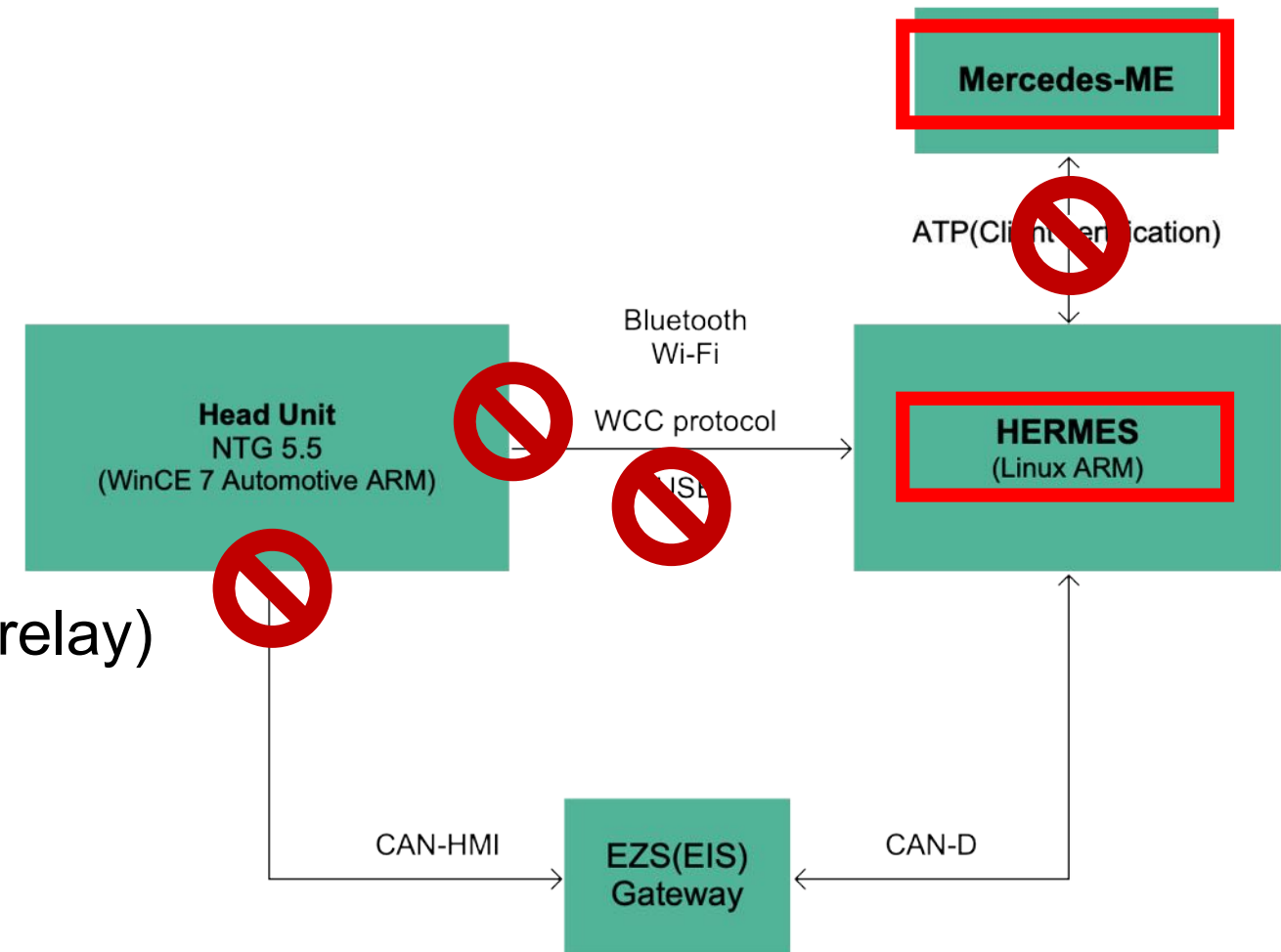
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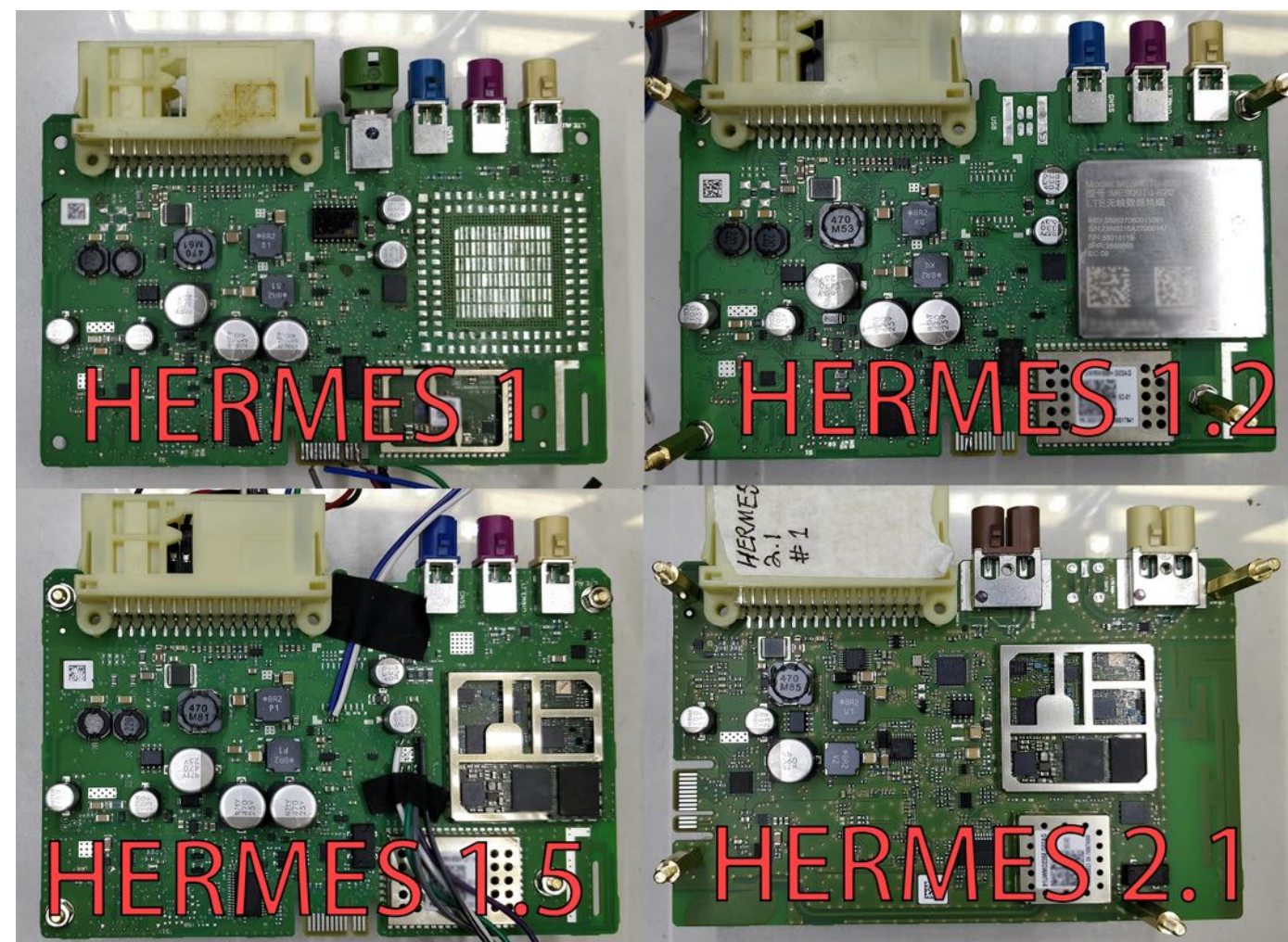
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 - 4G attacking is useless for it



HERMES Jailbreak

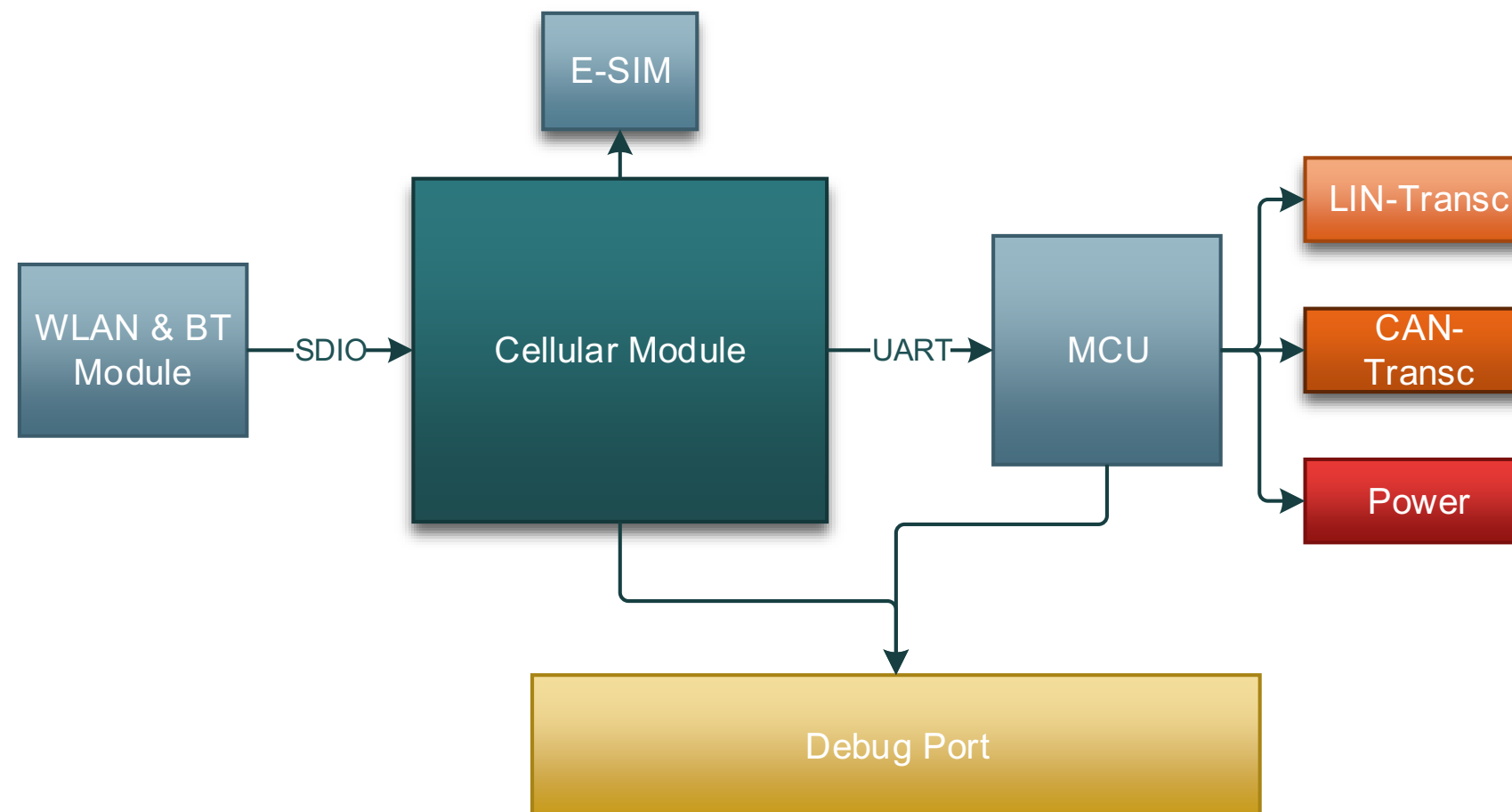
HERMES Version Design Comparison

- HERMES 1
 - USB Cable
 - ME909Tu LTE
 - MU809Tu UTMS
- HERMES 1.5
 - ME919bs
- HERMES 2.1
 - ME919bs



Finding Peripheral Interfaces

- UART
- USB NAD
- JTAG (reversed)

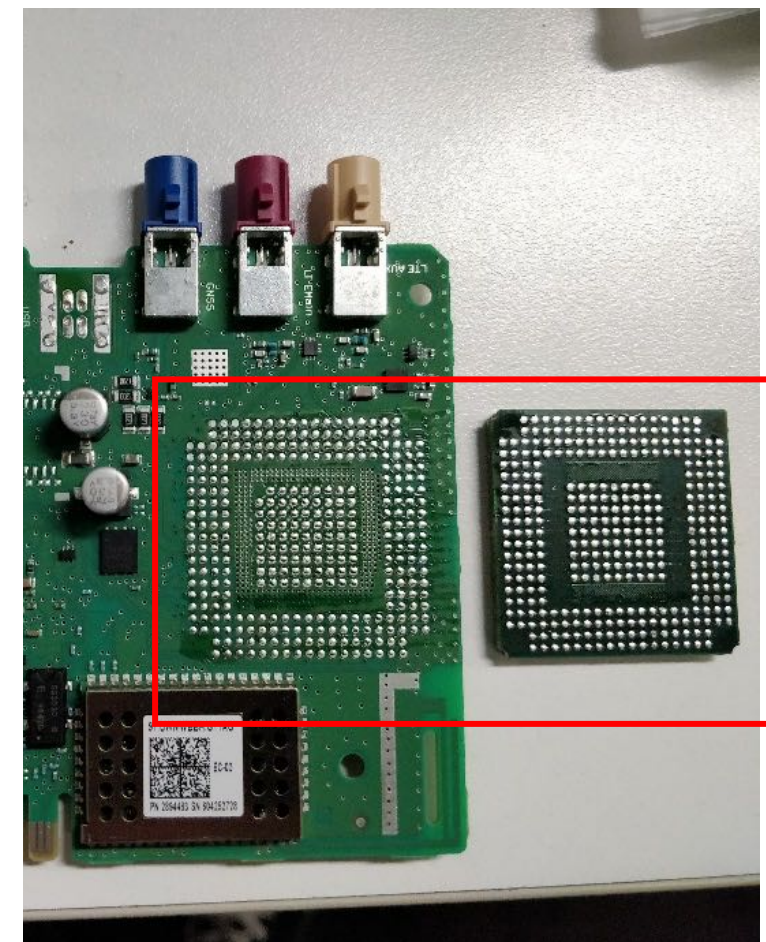


HERMES Components Block Diagram

Way to Car Control

Finding Peripheral Interfaces

- The packaging is LGA, it's hard to teardown.
- To check out the debug interfaces pinout.
 - Multimeter
 - Flashlight
 - X-Ray



UART Debug Port

- APN Configurations (Only activated TCU)
- TSP Back-end configurations.

```
[info:] Loaded APN1 settings: URL: "[REDACTED].CLFU.NJM2MAPN", user: [REDACTED]
[info:] APN with index 2 is not configured
[info:] Loaded APN2 settings: URL: "[REDACTED].CLFU.NJM2MAPN", user: [REDACTED]
[info:] APN with index 3 is not configured
[info:] Loaded APN3 settings: URL: "DefaultValue1", user: [REDACTED]
[info:] APN with index 4 is not configured
[info:] Loaded APN4 settings: URL: "DefaultValue2", user: [REDACTED]
[info:] >>>[getInstance][6973]
```

APN initialization log

```
27 05:36:48.395 OMADM[1052]: [info:] TCUReadCb read value [https://[REDACTED].CLFU.NJM2MAPN] for param [REDACTED] URL]
27 05:36:48.395 OMADM[1052]: [info:] TCUReadCb read value [https://[REDACTED].CLFU.NJM2MAPN] for param [REDACTED] ]
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Back-end requests log

USB Mode Switching

- AT^SETMODE is default ECM
- AT^SETMODE=3 for RNDIS ADB
- ttyUSB0 Application
- ttyUSB1 PCUI
- ttyUSB2 serialB
- ttyUSB3 serial

```
[ 141.272232] usb 1-4.4: new full-speed USB device number 20 using xhci_hcd
[ 142.206792] usb 1-4.4: not running at top speed; connect to a high speed hub
[ 142.232510] usb 1-4.4: New USB device found, idVendor=12d1, idProduct=1573, bcdDevice= 2.28
[ 142.23 522] usb 1-4.4: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[ 142.23 528] usb 1-4.4: Product: 
[ 142.23 535] usb 1-4.4: Manufacturer: 
[ 142.23 541] usb 1-4.4: SerialNumber: 
[ 142.41 120] audit: type=1130 audit(1542617697.397:108): pid=1 uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294
comm="systemd" exe="/usr/lib/systemd/systemd" hostname=? addr=? terminal=? res=success'
[ 142.419124] audit: type=1131 audit(1542617697.397:109): pid=1 uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294
comm="systemd" exe="/usr/lib/systemd/systemd" hostname=? addr=? terminal=? res=success'
[ 142.424267] usbcore: registered new interface driver option
[ 142.424551] usbserial: USB Serial support registered for GSM modem (1-port)
[ 142.464430] cdc_ether 1-4.4:1.0 usb0: register 'cdc_ether' at usb-0000:00:14.0-4.4, CDC Ethe
[ 142.464821] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_ether
[ 142.464941] option 1-4.4:1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 142.465241] usb 1-4.4: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to 
[ 142.465466] option 1-4.4:1.3: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 142.465668] usb 1-4.4: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to 
[ 142.465882] option 1-4.4:1.4: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 142.466093] usb 1-4.4: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to 
[ 142.477550] cdc_ether 1-4.4:1.0 enp0s20f0u4u4: renamed from usb0
[ 142.507558] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): enp0s20f0u4u4: link is not ready
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USB log



6 Interfaces in Windows Device MGMT

USB Debug Mode

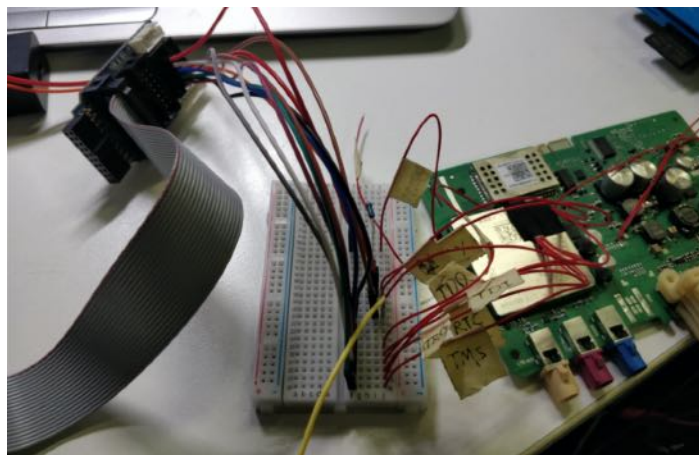
- To obtain APN configurations.
- AT^GODLOAD for upgrading flash the filesystem
 - Disable the watchdog first
 - Repackage the firmware

```
OK
AT+CGDCONT?
+CGDCONT: 1,"IPV4V6",                    CLFU.NJM2MAPN","0.0.0.0",0,0
+CGDCONT: 15,"IP",                    CLFU.NJM2MAPN","0.0.0.0",0,0
+CGDCOAT+CIND?
+CIND: 0,2,1,1,0,0,1,0
```

PDP Context Configuration

On-Chip Debugging

- We can't enter the Qualcomm EDL mode to read firmware. So we try the OCD.
- Use the OpenOCD with FT2232 to operate the debug interface
 - Disable the watchdog
 - Reverse analyze the NAND Controller Driver (Or use QDLoader)



Connect JTAG pin to FT2232

```
MMU: enabled, D-Cache: enabled, I-Cache: enabled
Error: Debug regions are unpowered, an unexpected reset might have happened
Error: JTAG-DP STICKY ERROR
Polling target HI6932.cpu failed, trying to reexamine
Error: Can't detect HI6932.cpu's dbgbase from the ROM table; you need to specify it explicitly.
Examination failed, GDB will be halted. Polling again in 100ms
Polling target HI6932.cpu failed, trying to reexamine
Info : HI6932.cpu: hardware has 6 breakpoints, 4 watchpoints

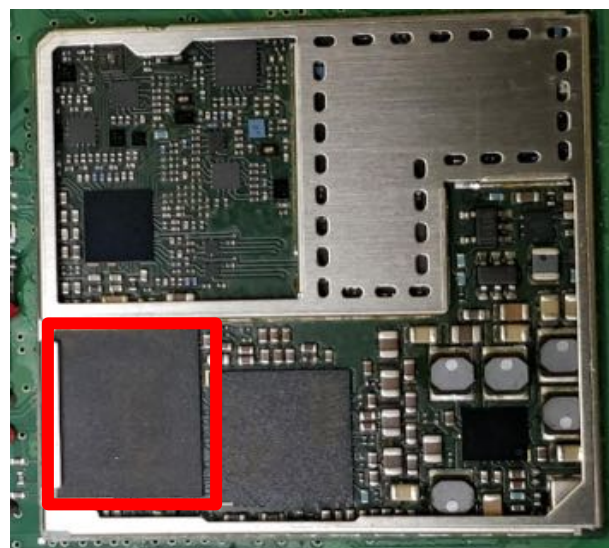
telnet 127.0.0.1 3333 120x32

> reg
==== ARM registers
(0) r0 (/32): 0x00000000 (dirty)
(1) r1 (/32): 0x00000000
(2) r2 (/32): 0x00000000
(3) r3 (/32): 0x00000000
(4) r4 (/32): 0x00000000
(5) r5 (/32): 0x00000000
(6) r6 (/32): 0x00000000
(7) r7 (/32): 0x00000000
(8) r8 (/32): 0x00000000
(9) r9 (/32): 0x00000000
(10) r10 (/32): 0x00000000
(11) r11 (/32): 0x00000000
(12) r12 (/32): 0x00000000
(13) sp_usr (/32): 0x00000000
(14) lr_usr (/32): 0x00000000
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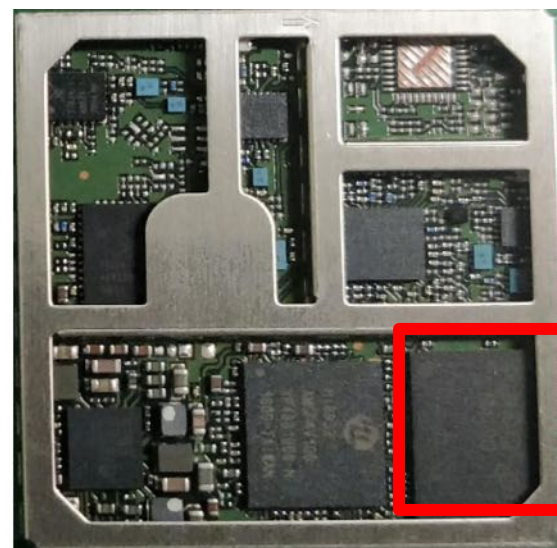
OpenOCD break point

Dumping NAND flash

- The Cellular Module has an eMCP NAND



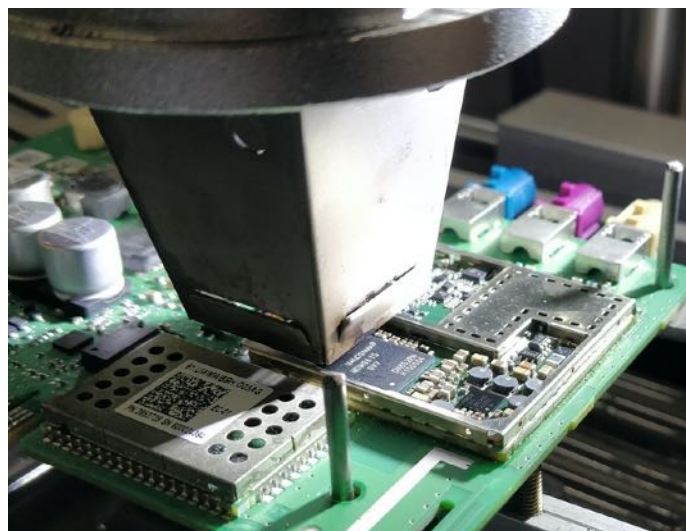
Old Cellular Module



New Cellular Module

Dumping NAND flash

- Tear down the flash chip with BGA rework station



400 °C Hotair with Infrared Heating



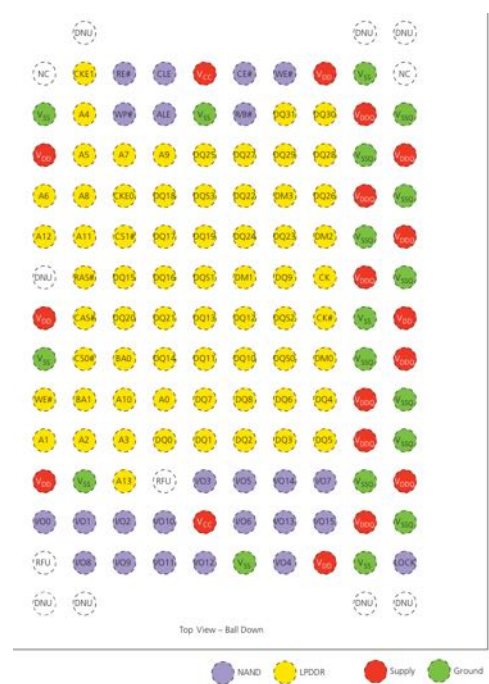
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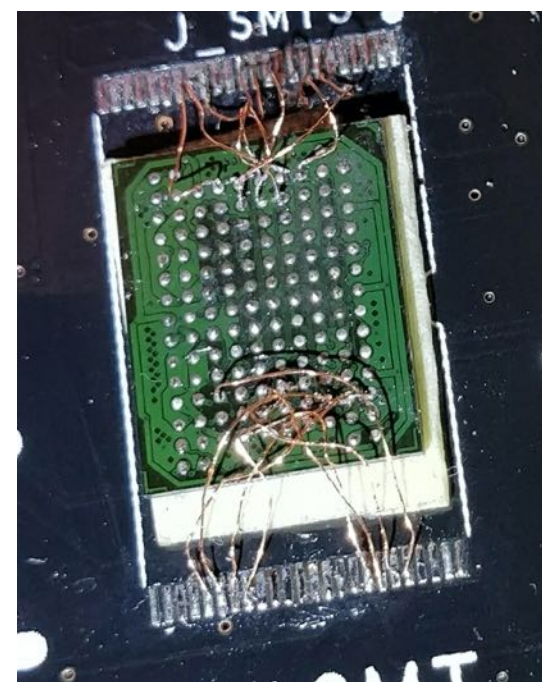
Hisilicon eMCP

Raw NAND Pinout

- The eMCP flash on old cellular module is the BGA 137 footprint.
- 6-ways Control pins & 8-bit Data I/O pins



BGA 137 Pin-Assignment

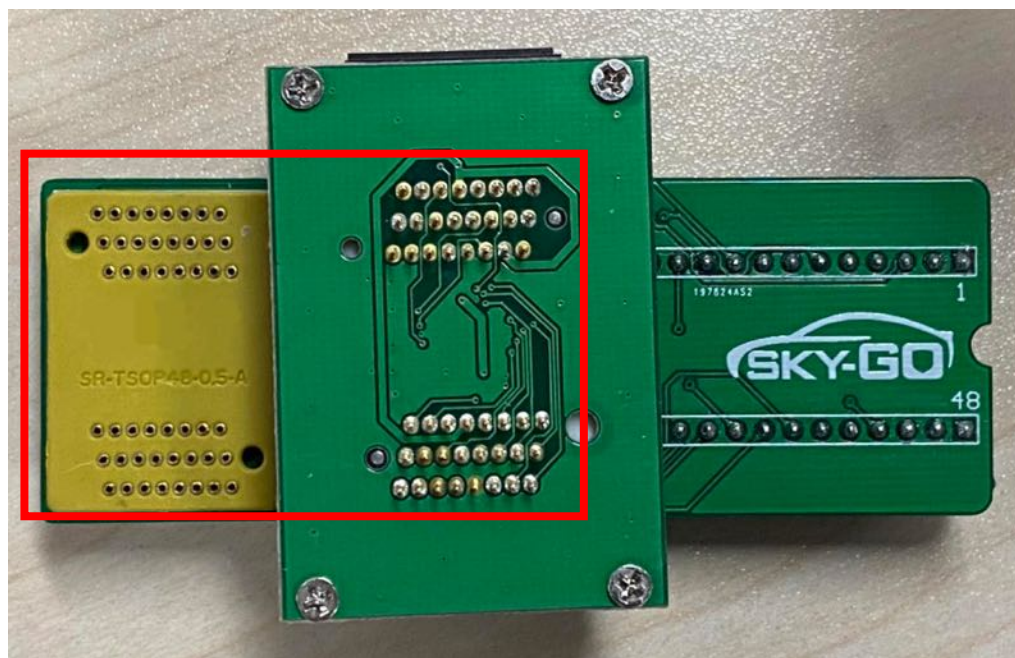


Wiring up with magnet wire

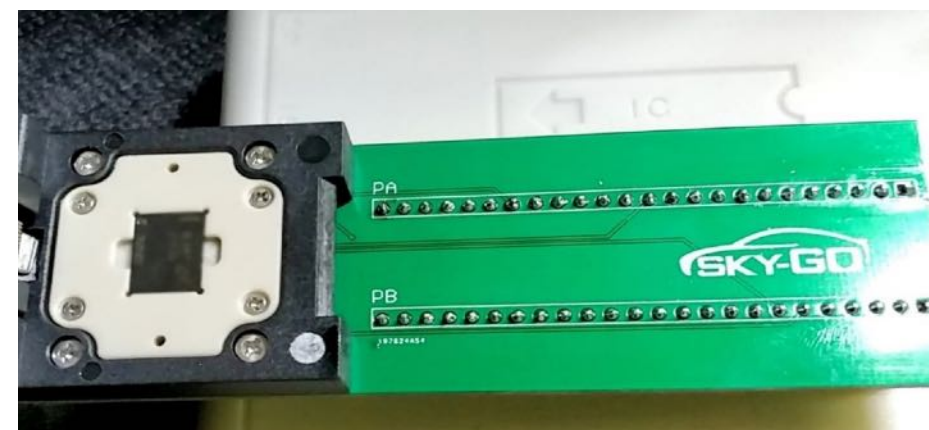
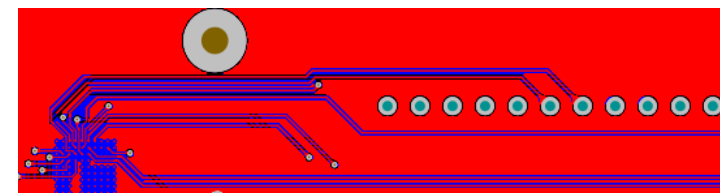


Dumping Firmware with BGA Socket

- We made some sockets and adaptors for these NAND Flash.
- The socket and adapter are separate designs.



Full pinout adaptor

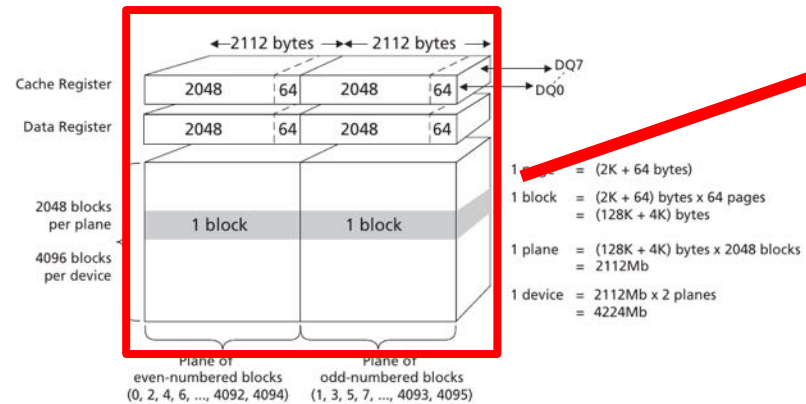


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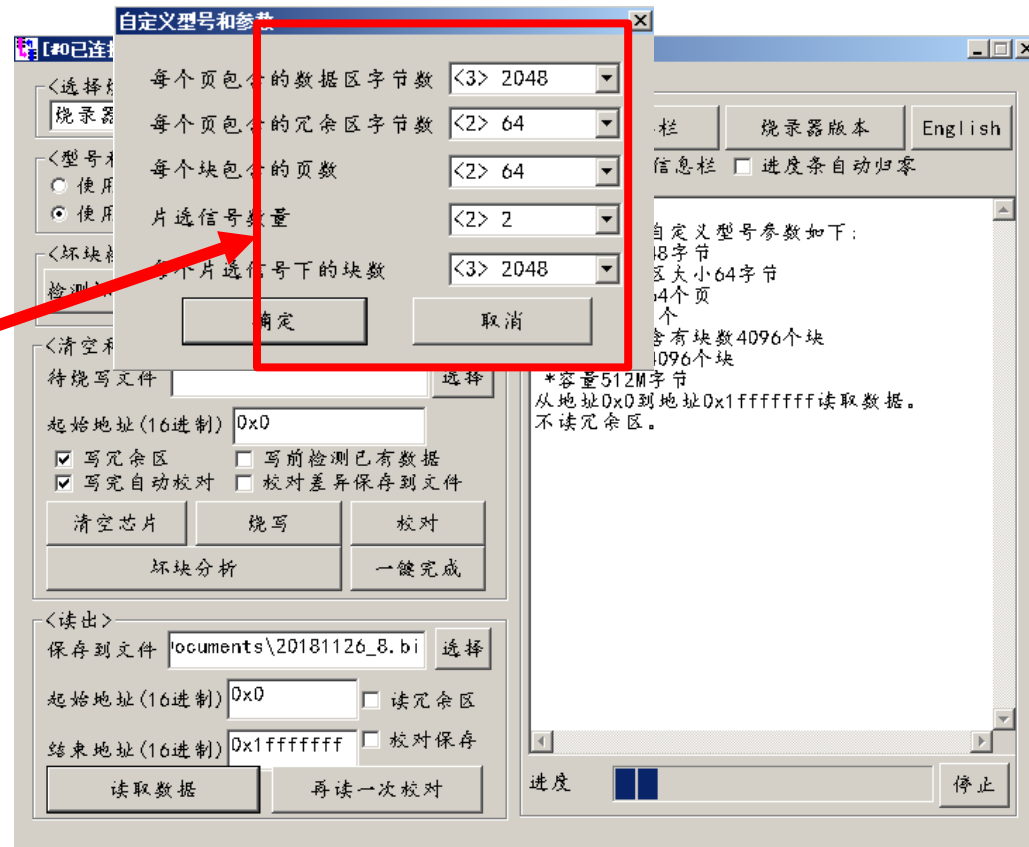
Reading NAND Flash Data

- 2048-Bytes Data + 64-bytes Spare Area
- The NAND chip size is 512MB

Figure 7: Array Organization – MT29F4G08 (x8)



NAND Array Organization



PROMAN NAND reader

Finding Spare Area

- The NAND user manual has suggestions for spare area mapping.
- In general, the spare area mapping always defined by NAND drivers.

Max Byte Address	Min Byte Address	ECC Protected	Area	Description
1FFh	000h	Yes	Main 0	User data
3FFh	200h	Yes	Main 1	User data
5FFh	400h	Yes	Main 2	User data
7FFh	600h	Yes	Main 3	User data
801h	800h	No		Reserved
803h	802h	No		User metadata II
807h	804h	Yes	Spare 0	User metadata I
80Fh	808h	Yes	Spare 0	ECC for main/spare 0
811h	810h	No		Reserved
813h	812h	No		User metadata II
817h	814h	Yes	Spare 1	User metadata I
81Fh	818h	Yes	Spare 1	ECC for main/spare 1
821h	820h	No		Reserved
823h	822h	No		User metadata II
827h	824h	Yes	Spare 2	User metadata I
82Fh	828h	Yes	Spare 2	ECC for main/spare 2
831h	830h	No		User data
833h	832h	No		User metadata II
837h	834h	Yes	Spare 3	User metadata I
83Fh	838h	Yes	Spare 3	ECC for main/spare 3

Bad Block Information	ECC Parity	User Data (Metadata)
2 bytes	8 bytes	6 bytes

Spare area mapping (x8)

Finding Spare Area

- Two ways to find spare area
 - Checking the source code: /drivers/mtd/nand/qcom_nandc.c

```
2191 * NAND controller page layout info
2192 *
2193 * Layout with ECC enabled:
2194 *
2195 * |-----| |-----|
2196 * |      xx.....yy| | *****xx.....yy|
2197 * | DATA xx..ECC..yy| | DATA **SPARE**x..ECC..yy|
2198 * | (516) xx.....yy| | (516-n*4) **(n*4)**x.....yy|
2199 * |      xx.....yy| | *****xx.....yy|
2200 * |-----| |-----|
2201 *      codeword 1,2..n-1          codeword n
2202 * <---(528/532 Bytes)--> <------(528/532 Bytes)----->
2203 *
2204 * n = Number of codewords in the page
2205 * . = ECC bytes
2206 * * = Spare/free bytes
2207 * x = Unused byte(s)
2208 * y = Reserved byte(s)
2209 *
2210 * 2K page: n = 4, spare = 16 bytes
2211 * 4K page: n = 8, spare = 32 bytes
2212 * 8K page: n = 16, spare = 64 bytes
2213 *
```


Finding Spare Area

- Two ways to find spare area
 - Checking the source code: /drivers/mtd/nand/qcom_nandc.c
 - Comparing NAND pages

```
E1E:5850h: FF 20 28 6E 6F 74 41 66 74 65 72 29 00 43 65 72  ÿ (notAfter).Cer
E1E:5860h: 74 69 66 69 63 61 74 65 20 69 73 20 69 6E 76 61  tificate is inva
E1E:5870h: 6C 69 64 3A 20 69 6E 63 6E 72 72 65 63 74 20 6F  lid: incorrect n
E1E:5880h: 6F 74 41 66 74 BF 4D CC 7D 64 DA 18 72 35 81 FF  otAft?MI}dÜ.r5.ÿ
```

The Nst page

```
E1E:6090h: FF 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01  ÿ.....
E1E:60A0h: 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01  .....
E1E:60B0h: 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01  .....
E1E:60C0h: 01 01 01 01 01 8A 76 E6 F5 0A 10 7B 09 3C 54 FF  ....Švæð..{.<Tÿ
```

The Nst+1 page

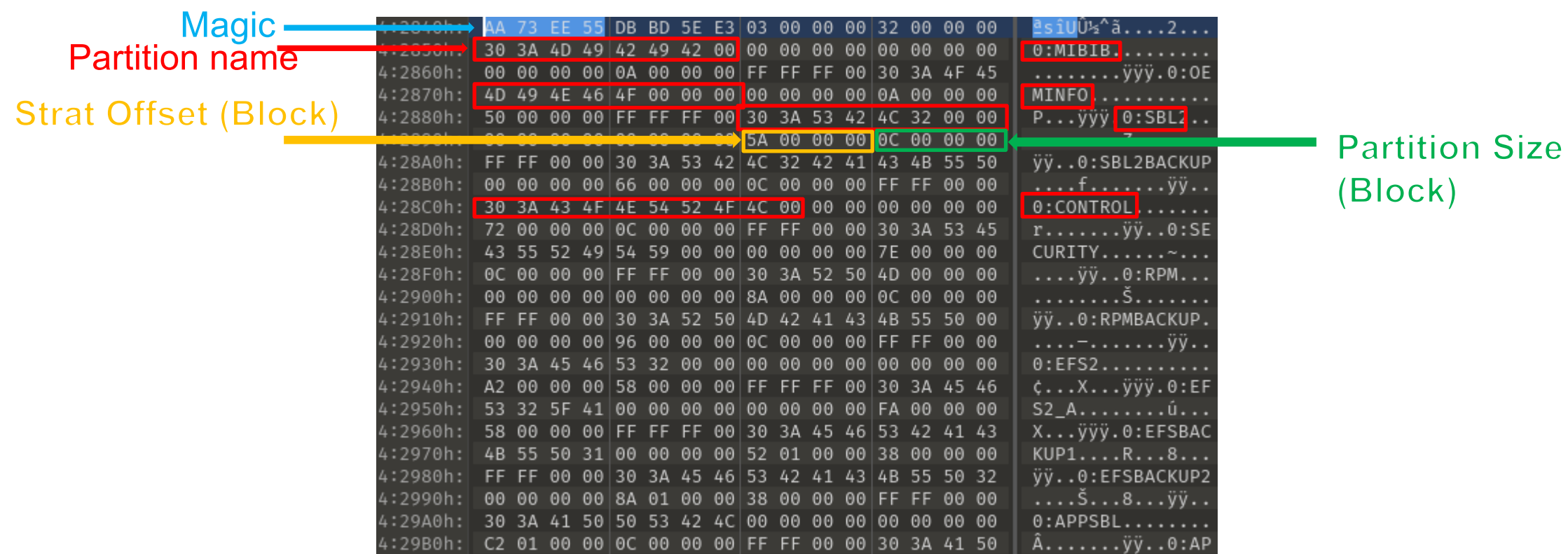
Removing Spare Area

- The spare area are 64-bytes in one page.
- One page has 4 sub-pages. Each sub-page has one ECC area.
- In general, spare area doesn't include the data zone.

```
try:
    with open(proman_file_path, 'rb') as proman_file:
        promanbin = proman_file.read()
        proman_file.close()
    with open(raw_file_path, 'wb') as raw_file:
        for x in range(0, len(promanbin), 0x840):
            pbuffer = promanbin[x:x+0x840]
            page_a = pbuffer[0x0:0x1D0] + pbuffer[0x1D1:0x1D1+0x34]
            page_b = pbuffer[0x1D1+0x34+0xB:0x3E0] + \
                pbuffer[0x3E1:0x3E1+0x34]
            page_c = pbuffer[0x3E1+0x34+0xB:0x5F0] + \
                pbuffer[0x5F1:0x5F1+0x34]
            page_d = pbuffer[0x5F1+0x34+0xB:0x800] + \
                pbuffer[0x801:0x801+0x24]
            pbuffer = page_a + page_b + page_c + page_d
            raw_file.write(pbuffer)
        raw_file.close()
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
```


Finding Partition Tables

- For the Qualcomm modems, the partition tables start with special magic: 0xaa73ee55 or 0x9a1b7daa.



The image shows a hex dump of a partition table with several annotations:

- Magic:** A blue arrow points to the hex value `AA 73 EE 55` at address `4:2850h`.
- Partition name:** A red arrow points to the hex value `30 3A 4D 49 42 49 42 00` at address `4:2850h`, which corresponds to the partition name `0:MIBIB` in the ASCII column.
- Strat Offset (Block):** A yellow arrow points to the hex value `5A 00 00 00` at address `4:2890h`.
- Partition Size (Block):** A green arrow points to the hex value `0C 00 00 00` at address `4:2890h`.

Other partition names visible in the dump include `0:CONTROL`, `0:SBL2`, `0:SBL2BACKUP`, `0:RPM`, `0:RPMBACKUP`, `0:EFS2`, `0:EF`, `0:EFBAC`, `0:EFBACKUP2`, and `0:AP`.

Partition Table Analysis

- The partition table called 'MIBIB'
- The bootloader file type is 'Android bootimg'
- The system partition is YAFFS
 - Redundancy partition for upgrading
 - Multilevel bootloader for secure boot

```
Partition Version: 3
Partition Number: 50
```

Partition	Start	Size	Start(int)	Size(int)
MIBIB	00000000	0000000a	0x0	0x140000
OEMINFO	0000000a	00000050	0x140000	0xa00000
SBL2	0000005a	0000000c	0xb40000	0x180000
SBL2BACKUP	00000066	0000000c	0xcc0000	0x180000
CONTROL	00000072	0000000c	0xe40000	0x180000
SECURITY	0000007e	0000000c	0xfc0000	0x180000
RPM	0000008a	0000000c	0x1140000	0x180000
RPMBACKUP	00000096	0000000c	0x12c0000	0x180000
EFS2	000000a2	00000058	0x1440000	0xb00000
EFS2_A	000000fa	00000058	0x1f40000	0xb00000
EFSBACKUP1	00000152	00000038	0x2a40000	0x700000
EFSBACKUP2	0000018a	00000038	0x3140000	0x700000
APPSBL	000001c2	0000000c	0x3840000	0x180000
APPSBL_A	000001ce	0000000c	0x39c0000	0x180000
APPS	000001da	00000040	0x3b40000	0x800000
APPS_A	0000021a	00000040	0x4340000	0x800000
MTCHUB	0000025a	00000018	0x4b40000	0x300000
USERDATA	00000272	00000030	0x4e40000	0x600000

Removing Spare Area

- The same as Hisilicon cellular module NAND flash.
- The bootloader prints the partition layout when power on.
- The HISI development kit (DVK) partitions are the same as the HERMES.

```
[0000008ms]NO. |offset |loadsize |capacity |loadaddr |entry |property |count |id |name |
[0000009ms]-----
[000000Ams]00000001: 00000000 ,00000000 ,00040000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000101 ,m3boot
[000000Bms]00000002: 00040000 ,00000000 ,001c0000 ,4fe00000 ,4fe00000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000102 ,fastboot
[000000Cms]00000003: 00200000 ,00000000 ,00200000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004800 ,00000000 ,00000103 ,nvbacklte
[000000Dms]00000004: 00400000 ,00000000 ,00400000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000104 ,nvimg
[000000Ems]00000005: 00800000 ,00000000 ,00400000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000105 ,nvdload
[000000Fms]00000006: 00c00000 ,00000000 ,00200000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000106 ,nvdefault
[0000010ms]00000007: 00e00000 ,00000000 ,00400000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,0000010d ,oeminfo
[0000011ms]00000008: 01200000 ,00000000 ,0be00000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004001 ,00000000 ,00000116 ,online
[0000012ms]00000009: 0d000000 ,00000000 ,00800000 ,4ffc0000 ,4ffc0000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000107 ,kernel
[0000013ms]0000000a: 0d800000 ,00000000 ,00800000 ,4ffc0000 ,4ffc0000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000108 ,kernelbk
[0000014ms]0000000b: 0e000000 ,00000000 ,00200000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,00000109 ,m3image
[0000015ms]0000000c: 0e200000 ,00000000 ,00600000 ,00000000 ,00000000 ,00004000 ,00000000 ,0000010b ,dsp
```

DVK boot log

Removing Spare Area

- The partition table start with 'pTableHead' in the NAND dump.
- The structure is defined in /drivers/mtd/nand/ptable/ptable_def.h

```
/*-----| 0 byte
| "pTableHead" |
*-----| 16 byte (partition head flag string)
| the property of table |
*-----| 20 byte (partition head flag string)
| "V7R2_FPGA" (example.) |
*-----| 48 byte (partition table version name)
| <partition info> |
| (size 32byte) |
*-----| 96 byte
| < partition info > |
| (size 32byte) |
|-----| 144 byte
: ..... :
: ..... :
|-----| 48 x N byte
| < partition info > |
| (size 32byte) |
|-----| 48 x (N+1) byte
| "T" (table end flag) |
|-----| */
```

pTableHead Structure

Partition Table Analysis

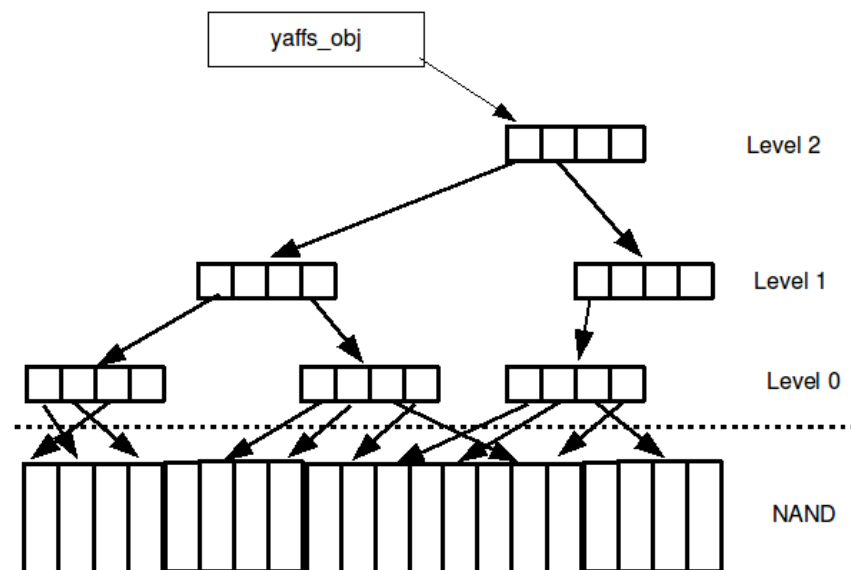
- We can parse the partition table with python. 😊
 - Balong V7R22 Telematic
 - It's similar with V7R22 4G Router (4PDA.ru)
 - Redundant Partitions
 - The key partition is YAFFS, too.

```
HISI Dumper: ptable 1.00 V7R22_TELEMATIC
```

name	offset	size	loadaddr	type	property
m3boot	0x00000000	0x00040000	0x00000000	IMAGE_M3BOOT	MTD
fastboot	0x00040000	0x00100000	0xafcfff00	IMAGE_FASTBOOT	MTD
fastbootbk	0x00140000	0x00100000	0xafcfff00	IMAGE_FASTBOOTBK	MTD
oeminfo	0x00240000	0x00200000	0x00000000	IMAGE_OEMINFO	MTD
nvbacklte	0x00440000	0x00500000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVBACKLTE	Protected,MTD
nvbackltebk	0x00940000	0x00500000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVBACKLTEBK	Protected,MTD
nvdefault	0x00e40000	0x00200000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVFACTORY	MTD
nvimg	0x01040000	0x00700000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVIMG	MTD
nvsys	0x01740000	0x00500000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVDDL	MTD
nvdload	0x01c40000	0x00400000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVDDL	MTD
control	0x02040000	0x00180000	0x00000000	IMAGE_CONTROL	MTD
security	0x021c0000	0x00180000	0x00000000	IMAGE_SECURITY	MTD
m3image	0x02340000	0x00180000	0x00000000	IMAGE_M3IMAGE	MTD
m3imagebk	0x024c0000	0x00180000	0x00000000	IMAGE_M3IMAGEBK	MTD
teeos	0x02640000	0x00400000	0x00000000	IMAGE_TEEOS	MTD
teeosbk	0x02a40000	0x00400000	0x00000000	IMAGE_TEEOSBK	MTD
dts	0x02e40000	0x00200000	0x00000000	IMAGE_DTS	MTD
dtsbk	0x03040000	0x00200000	0x00000000	IMAGE_DTSBK	MTD
hifi	0x03240000	0x00300000	0x00000000	IMAGE_HIFI	MTD
modem_fw	0x03540000	0x01e00000	0x00000000	IMAGE_MODEM_FW	YAFFS,MTD
boot	0x05340000	0x01000000	0xafdff00	IMAGE_KERNEL	MTD
bootbk	0x06340000	0x01000000	0xafdff00	IMAGE_KERNELBK	MTD
nvimgbk	0x07340000	0x00700000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVIMGBK	MTD
nvsysbk	0x07a40000	0x00500000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVDLDBK	MTD
nvdloadbk	0x07f40000	0x00400000	0x00000000	IMAGE_NVDLDBK	MTD
hifibk	0x08340000	0x00300000	0x00000000	IMAGE_HIFIBK	MTD
modem_fwbk	0x08640000	0x01e00000	0x00000000	IMAGE_MODEM_FWBK	YAFFS,MTD
system	0x0a440000	0x02f80000	0x00000000	IMAGE_SYSTEM	YAFFS,MTD

Remapping YAFFS Logical Block

- The file system of user zone and system zone is YAFFS.
- Because of the Wear-Leveling, the block is not sequential. The block mapping info is in the OOB area. So we can't mount the file-system directly. We made a tool to operate the file system.



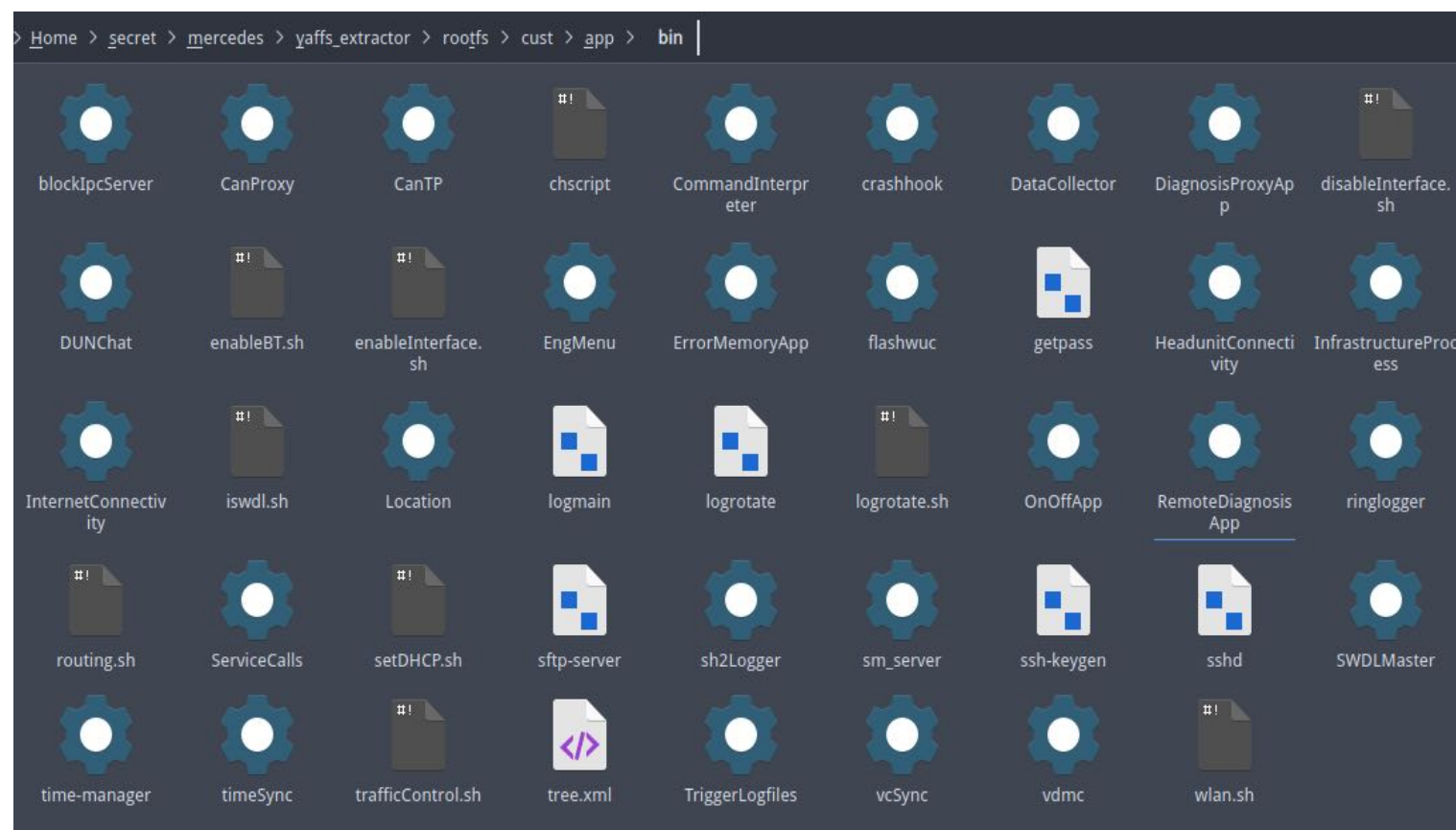
Note, only 4 entries per Tnode are shown to simplify the diagram.

```
if obj_type == YAFFS_OBJECT_TYPE_DIRECTORY:  
    file_path = root_path + get_path(obj_id_list, parent_id, file_name)  
    if not os.path.exists(file_path):  
        try:  
            os.makedirs(file_path)  
        except:  
            pass  
elif obj_type == YAFFS_OBJECT_TYPE_FILE:  
    file_path = root_path + get_path(obj_id_list, parent_id, file_name)  
    print(file_path, largest_index)  
    if not os.path.exists(file_path):  
        try:  
            obj.writeVersion(largest_index, file_path)  
        except:  
            pass
```

Extract files from YAFFS partition

Filesystem Extraction

- We extracted files from NAND flash.
- The OEM apps located at /cust/app/bin



Bit-Flipping Error

- The bit-flipping is a NAND Flash features. If the key jump instructions are affected by bit-flipping, our research may have headed in a wrong direction.

After → **Aftar**
0b1100101 → **0b1100001**

00C358B0 49 74 20 69 73 20 6C 6F 63 61 6C 74 65 64 20 69 It is located i	00C358B0 49 74 20 69 73 20 6C 6F 63 61 6C 74 65 64 20 69 It is located i
00C358C0 6E 0D 0A 23 20 22 65 74 63 2F 70 70 70 22 20 64 n..# "etc/ppp" d	00C358C0 6E 0D 0A 23 20 22 65 74 63 2F 70 70 70 22 20 64 n..# "etc/ppp" d
00C358D0 69 72 65 63 74 6F 72 79 2C 20 74 68 65 6E 20 63 irectory, then c	00C358D0 69 72 65 63 74 6F 72 79 2C 20 74 68 65 6E 20 63 irectory, then c
00C358E0 68 61 74 20 77 69 6C 6C 20 72 65 61 64 20 74 68 hat will read th	00C358E0 68 61 74 20 77 69 6C 6C 20 72 65 61 64 20 74 68 hat will read th
00C358F0 65 20 66 69 6C 65 20 61 6E 64 20 70 61 72 73 65 e file and parse	00C358F0 65 20 66 69 6C 65 20 61 6E 64 20 70 61 72 73 65 e file and parse
00C35C00 20 74 68 65 73 65 0D 0A 23 20 6F 70 74 69 6F 6E these..# option	00C35C00 20 74 68 65 73 65 0D 0A 23 20 6F 70 74 69 6F 6E these..# option
00C35C10 73 2E 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 20 57 68 61 74 s...#...# What	00C35C10 73 2E 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 20 57 68 61 74 s...#...# What
00C35C20 20 6D 65 61 6E 73 20 74 6F 20 74 68 65 20 62 65 means to the be	00C35C20 20 6D 65 61 6E 73 20 74 6F 20 74 68 65 20 62 65 means to the be
00C35C30 6C 6F 77 20 63 6F 6D 6D 61 6E 64 73 20 72 65 66 low commands ref	00C35C30 6C 6F 77 20 63 6F 6D 6D 61 6E 64 73 20 72 65 66 low commands ref
00C35C40 65 72 73 20 74 6F 3A 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 ers to:..#...#	00C35C40 65 72 73 20 74 6F 3A 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 ers to:..#...#
00C35C50 20 64 65 66 69 6E 65 20 69 6E 70 75 74 73 20 61 define inputs a	00C35C50 20 64 65 66 69 6E 65 20 69 6E 70 75 74 73 20 61 define inputs a
00C35C60 66 74 65 72 20 77 68 69 63 68 20 77 65 20 73 68 fter which we sh	00C35C60 66 74 61 72 20 77 68 69 63 68 20 77 65 20 73 68 fter which we sh
00C35C70 6F 75 6C 64 20 61 62 6F 72 74 20 74 68 65 20 63 ould abort the c	00C35C70 6F 75 6C 64 20 61 62 6F 72 74 20 74 68 65 20 63 ould abort the c
00C35C80 6F 6E 6E 65 63 74 69 6F 6E 2E 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 onnection...#...#	00C35C80 6F 6E 6E 65 63 74 69 6F 6E 2E 0D 0A 23 0D 0A 23 onnection...#...#
00C35C90 20 74 69 70 73 3A 20 69 66 20 74 68 65 20 73 74 tips: if the st	00C35C90 20 74 69 70 73 3A 20 69 66 20 74 68 65 20 73 74 tips: if the st
00C35C62	00C35C62

Error Bit Correction

- To fixed the bit flipping, we need to correct the bits by ECC.
- Different NAND has different ECC algorithm

```
#ifdef NANDC_SUPPORT_24BIT_ECC
    {NANDC_SIZE_8K,    368,    nandc6_ecc_24p1kbit,    &nandc6_oob32_layout },
    {NANDC_SIZE_4K,    200,    nandc6_ecc_24p1kbit,    &nandc6_oob32_layout },
#endif
    {NANDC_SIZE_4K,    144,    nandc6_ecc_8bit,        &nandc6_oob32_layout },
    {NANDC_SIZE_4K,    88,     nandc6_ecc_4smb,    &nandc6_oob32_layout },
#ifdef NANDC_SUPPORT_24BIT_ECC
    {NANDC_SIZE_2K,    116,    nandc6_ecc_24p1kbit,    &nandc6_oob32_layout },
#endif
    {NANDC_SIZE_2K,    88,     nandc6_ecc_8bit,        &nandc6_oob32_layout },
    {NANDC_SIZE_2K,    60,     nandc6_ecc_4smb,    &nandc6_oob32_layout },
```

ECC definition in driver code

Generating ECC

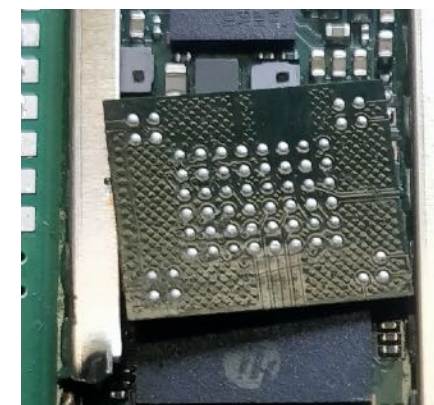
- The NAND controller using the hardware ECC, so the Linux driver source code doesn't include ECC implementation.
- The SoC SDK including the ECC algorithm.
- 2k + 64-bytes: ecc_4bit

```
int ecc_parity_gen(byte[] data, int bits, int ecc_level, byte[] ecc_code) {  
    switch(ecc_level) {  
        case 8:  
            this.lfsr_init( len: 112, "b11111110011110111001011111111110010100111000  
            break;
```

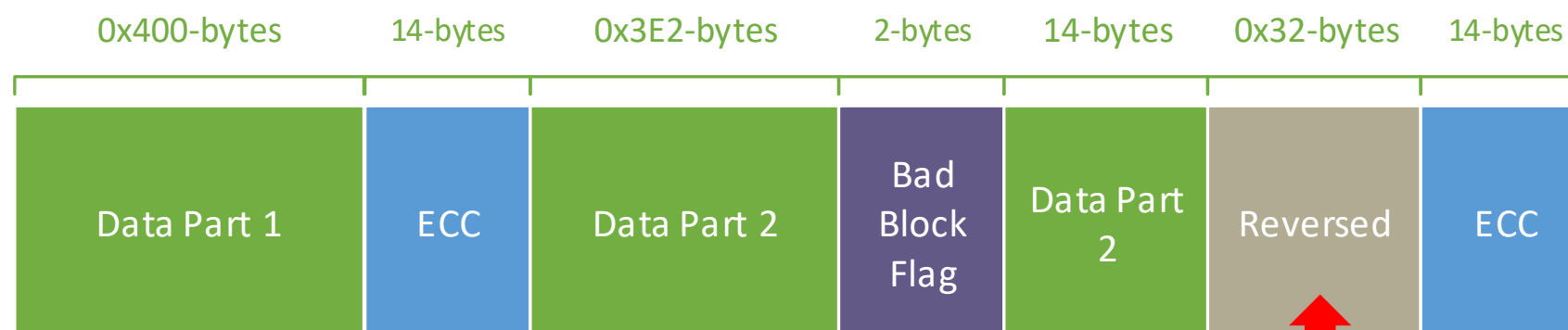
ECC Polynomial codewords

Final Works

- The NAND file we generated is the same as we dumped.
- No secure boot. We can
 - put a backdoor in it.
 - modify the system service to open a debug shell.



Reballing



For YAFFS OOB



```
root@p722:/ # /cust/app/data/
[Root #] telematics
[Telematics #] Possible commands: "calls", "canmanager",
canmanager
[CanManager #] ?

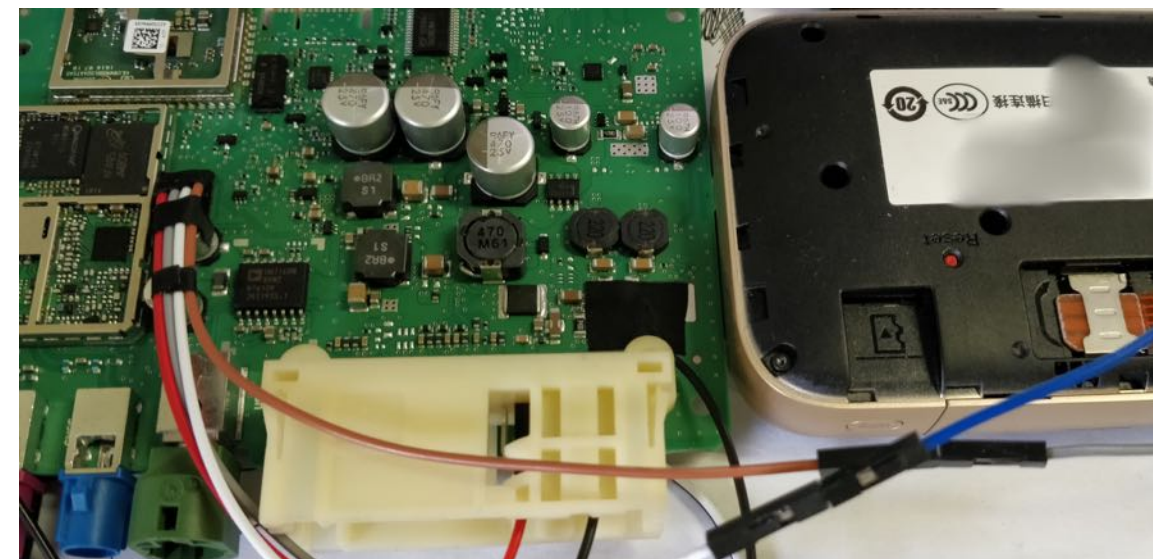
SignalSender - Write value for the signal id
- SignalSender - Write can values using sequence interface
[CanManager #]
```


Access Back-end via eSIM

- We configured the APN, wiring up the eSIM to SIM Extender.
- DON'T insert it to your 4G device right away.

```
.CLFU.NJM2MAPN  
.CLFU.NJM2MAPN  
.CLFU.NJM2MAPN usernameABCXYZ3  
.CLFU.NJM2MAPN usernameABCXYZ4  
DefaultValue1 usernameABCXYZ1  
DefaultValue2 usernameABCXYZ2
```

APN name



Wiring up to eSIM

Access Back-end via eSIM

- The trigger when detecting an IMEI change event, it will freeze the account.

<input type="checkbox"/>	IMEI Change	Security	IMEI Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	IMEI Changed	Security	IMEI Change

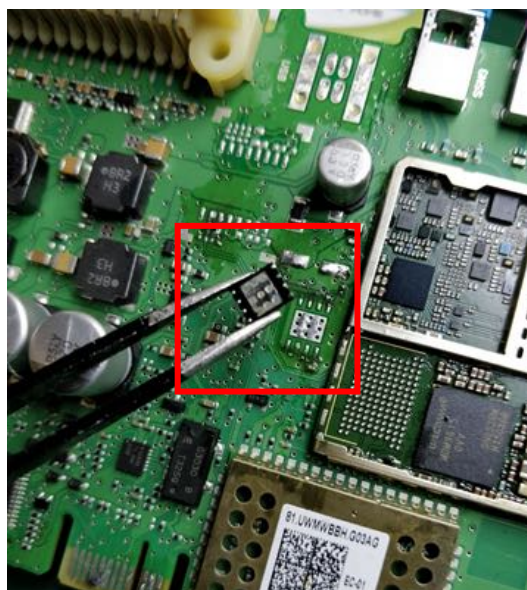
- So we must change the IMEI as the same as the TCU, you need
 - 4G module DVK, it's unlocked.
 - Modified 4G routers (E5885L).
 - An MTK mobile device.



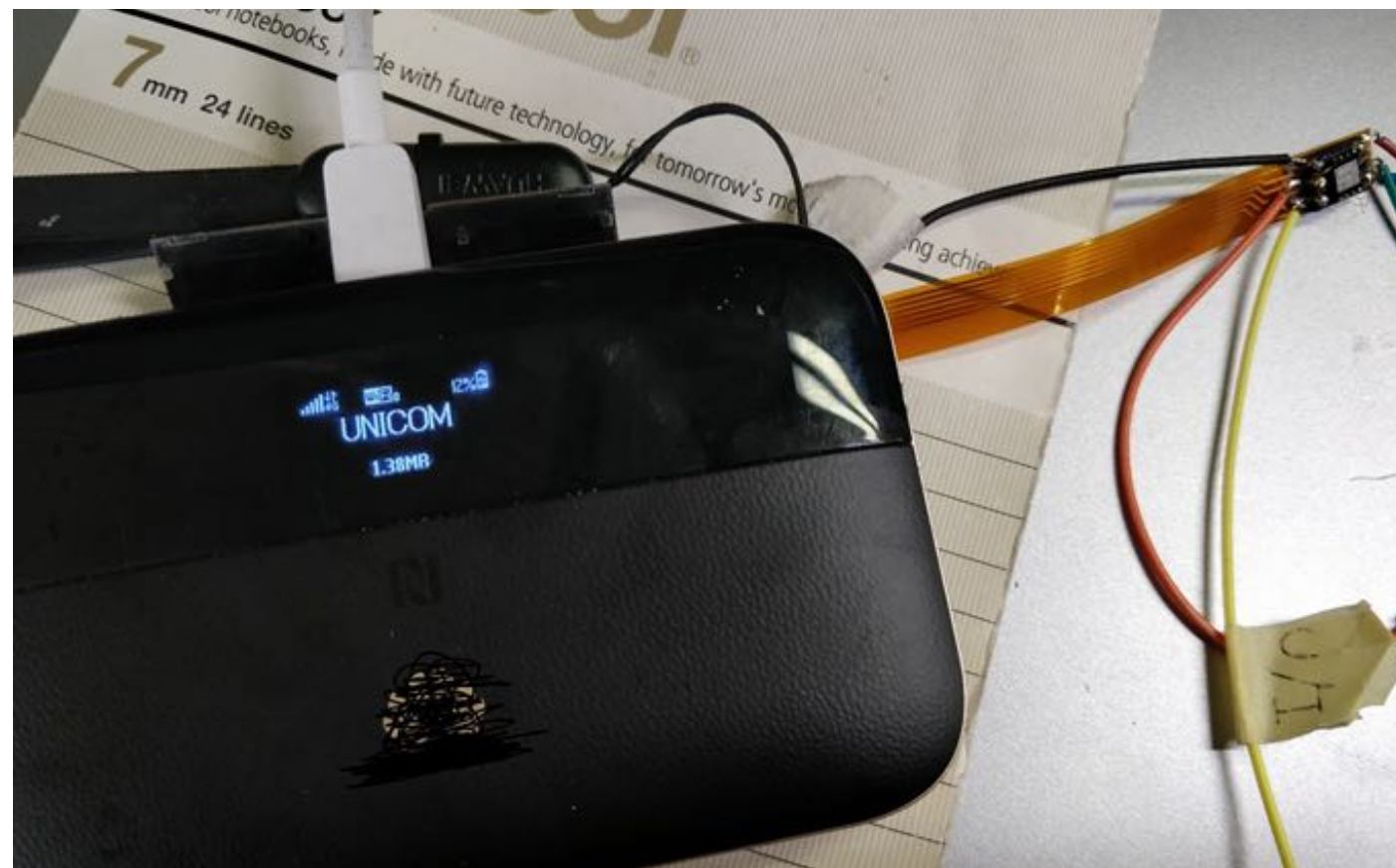
Hisilicon DVK

Access Back-end via eSIM

- We change the IMEI and used new eSIM from another HERMES



Teardown eSIM



Access Back-end via eSIM

- We got an intranet IPv4 address.
- The intranet is isolated.

```
eth_x    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 58:02:03:04:05:06
         inet addr:10.232.231.5  Bcast:10.255.255.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
         RX packets:288098  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  frame:0
         TX packets:238666  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:322761113 (307.8 MiB)  TX bytes:24312369 (23.1 MiB)
```

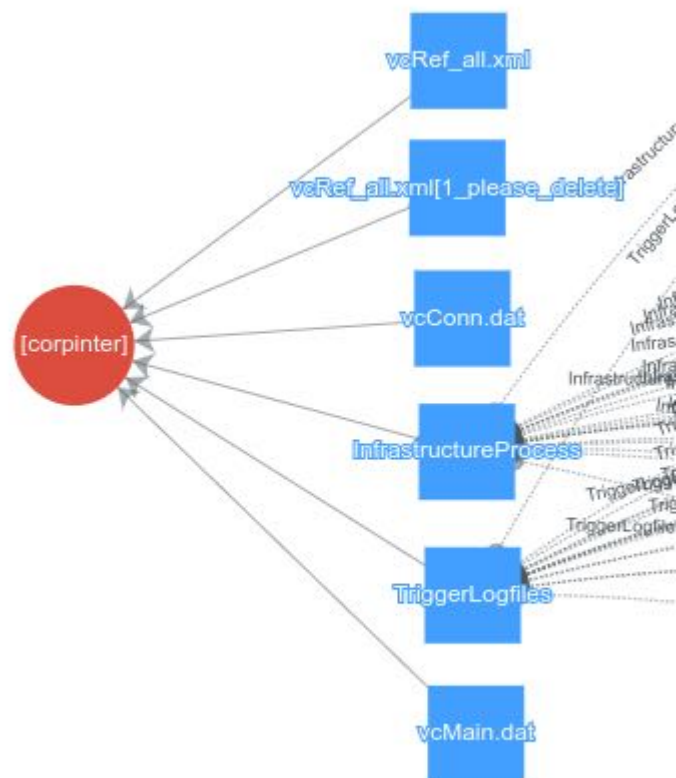

Access Back-end via eSIM

- The eSIM account is run out of credit, but it still can access to provider's mobile shop.
- It doesn't forbid us to access the TSP.



Finding domains

- The domain is corpinter, so we scan the domains from these files
- It's helpful for the penetration test.



vcRef_all.xml

Search Symbol in Graph

Path: /workspace/HERMES_1.5/ME919_NAND/online/vcRef_all.xml

Size: 42287 / 41 KB

MIME:text/xml / Charset: us-ascii

Keyword: corpinter

```
<CON_CepURL_CHN>https://corpinter.net/mbilis_ce/index.htm</CON_CepURL_CHN>  
<NTP_SERVER_URL>0.time.dvb.corpinter.net</NTP_SERVER_URL>  
<NTP_SERVER_URL_BACKUP>1.time.dvb.corpinter.net</NTP_SERVER_URL_BACKUP>
```

MD5: 647f3aa98c3d3ebcb3a07cb1dd3df463

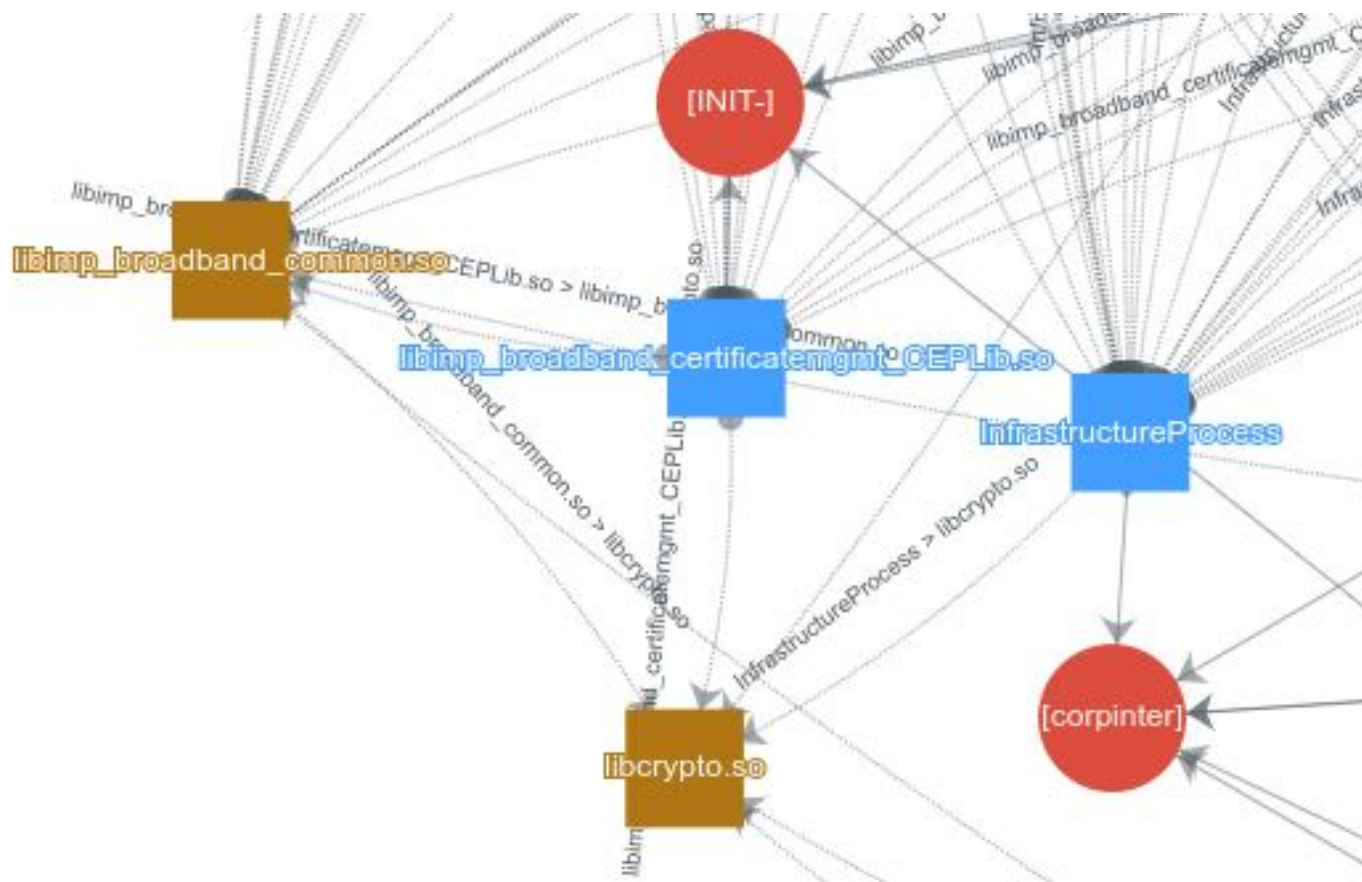
SHA1: 57af2e9d75233ffc739d71f22d5d55f54e7f3204

SHA256: c1cc5f32b52efa0fe792a6921415399acc2aa07b0ce3909022dcd5e18586f2f2

Associations between keyword and files

PFX Password Decryption

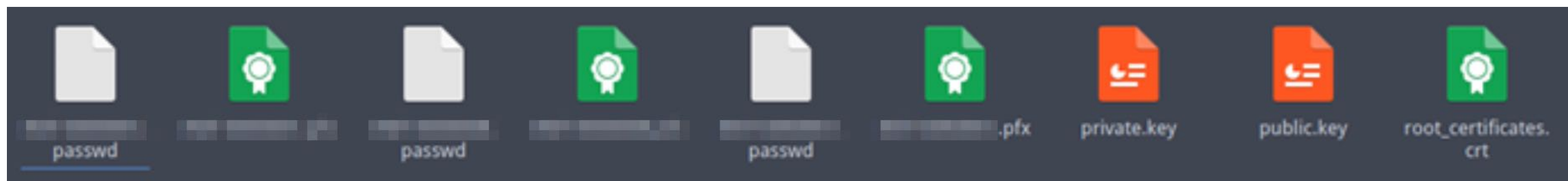
- The PFX file loaded by certificate management service
- InfrastructureProcess connects to the backend



Analyzing file references in graph

Certificates

- The scanner reported that some public/private keys and certificates.
- But the scanner cannot decrypt the PFX file, we found these files manually including pkcs12 client certificates, encrypted passwords and CA certificates for the car backend server.



Certificates, passwords and keypairs

PFX Password Decryption

- HERMES client inits with PFX file and passwd file.
- There are three regions certificates.
 - INIT-006xxx1
 - INIT-00xxxx1
 - INIT-00xxxx8

```
std::string::string(&MBCA, "MB-CA", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&MBCA, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&MBIISCA, "MBIIS CA", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&MBIISCA, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&init60001pfx, "/cust/app/data/connectivity/INIT-████████.pfx", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&init60001pfx, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&init60001passwd, "/cust/app/data/connectivity/INIT-████████.passwd", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&init60001passwd, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&init00001pfx, "/cust/app/data/connectivity/INIT-████████.pfx", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&init00001pfx, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&init00001passwd, "/cust/app/data/connectivity/INIT-████████.passwd", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&init00001passwd, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&connectivity_dir, "/var/connectivity", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&connectivity_dir, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&regular_pfx, "/cust/data/persistency/regular.pfx", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&regular_pfx, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&regular_tmp_pfx, "/cust/data/persistency/regular_tmp.pfx", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&regular_tmp_pfx, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&regular_passwd, "/cust/data/persistency/regular.passwd", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&regular_passwd, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&SK_SMS_0, "/cust/data/persistency/SK-SMS-0", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&SK_SMS_0, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&SK_SMS_1, "/cust/data/persistency/SK-SMS-1", &v3);
_aeabi_atexit(&SK_SMS_1, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
std::string::string(&IV_SERIAL, "/cust/data/persistency/IV-SERIAL", &v3);
return _aeabi_atexit(&IV_SERIAL, &std::string::~string, &off_25000);
```

Persistency files

PKIX Password Decryption

- We can load these certificates into browser, they didn't expire.
- The certificate name 0060001 is used for the China market.

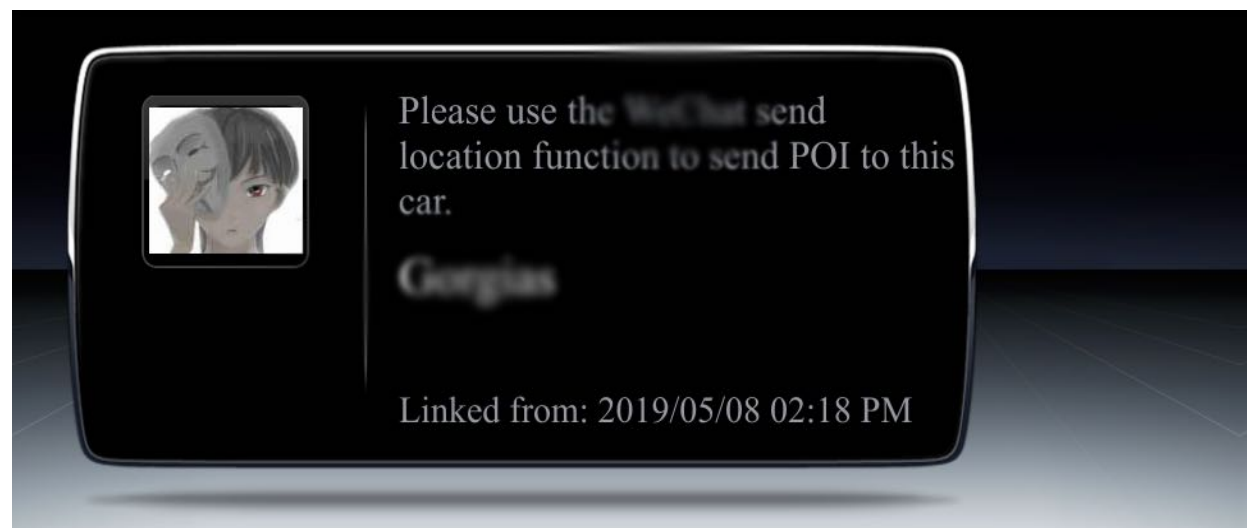
You have certificates from these organizations that identify you

Certificate Name	Security Device	Serial Number	Expires On
▼ DAIMLER			
0060001	Software Security Device	[REDACTED]	November 18, 2039
0000008	Software Security Device	[REDACTED]	February 5, 2036
▼ Daimler AG			
0000001	Software Security Device	[REDACTED]	August 4, 2040

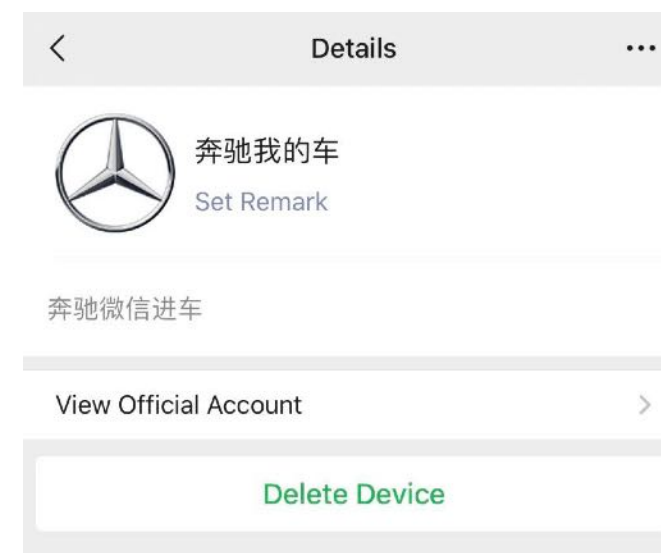
Available client certificates

Social Plugin SSRF

- You can bind your social media account with VIN in Head-Unit.
- The avatar URL is return to user from social media backend.
- We can modify the URL and submit it to TSP backend.



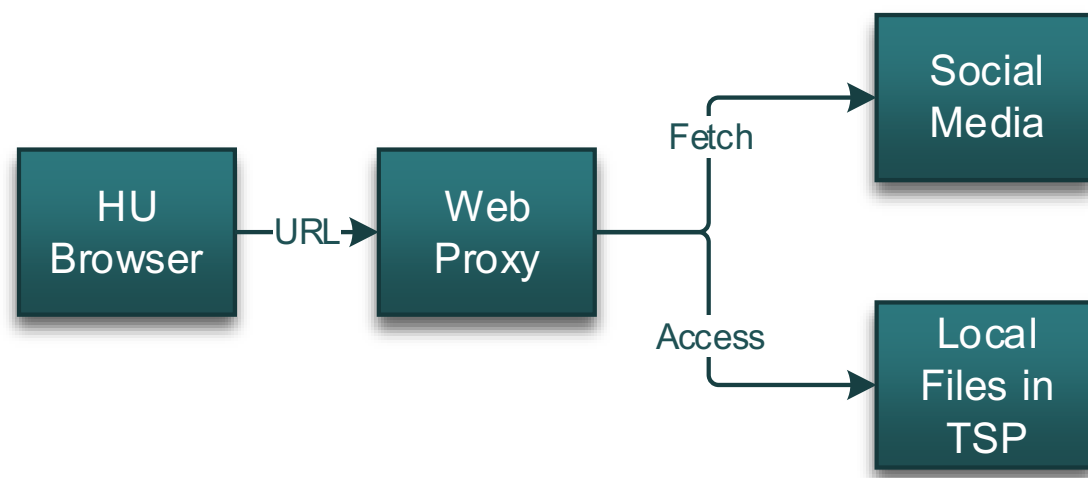
HeadUnit plugin page



The car is bind with my account

Social Plugin SSRF

The plugin service will load any URL we want to access.



```
Not secure https://.../web5sop/imageprovider/retrieveImage.html?url=file:///../../../../../../../../etc/passwd

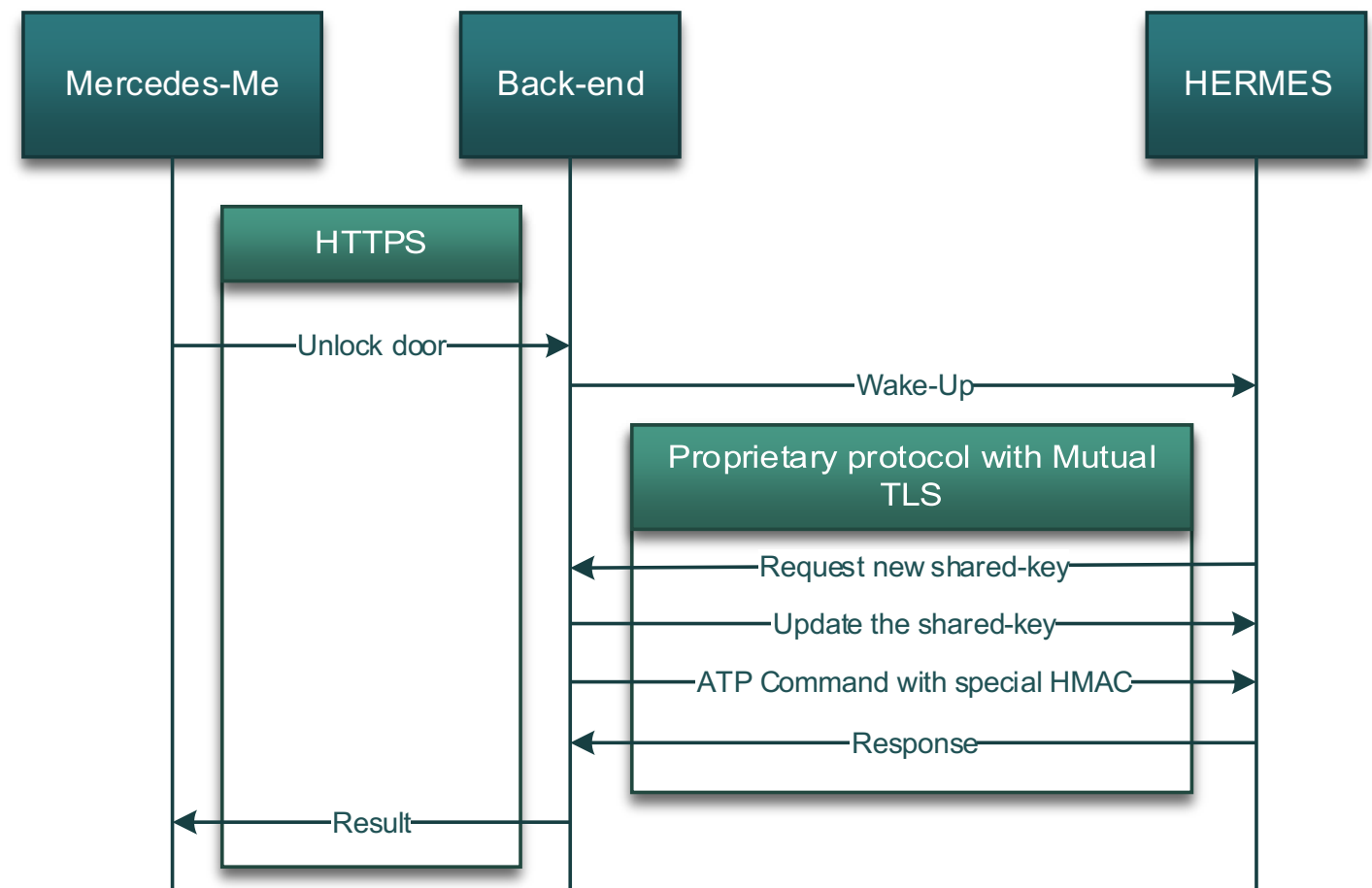
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:/sbin/nologin
daemon:x:2:2:daemon:/sbin:/sbin/nologin
adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/adm:/sbin/nologin
lp:x:4:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/sbin/nologin
sync:x:5:0:sync:/sbin:/bin/sync
shutdown:x:6:0:shutdown:/sbin:/sbin/shutdown
halt:x:7:0:halt:/sbin:/sbin/halt
mail:x:8:12:mail:/var/spool/mail:/sbin/nologin
operator:x:11:0:operator:/root:/sbin/nologin
games:x:12:100:games:/usr/games:/sbin/nologin
ftp:x:14:50:FTP User:/var/ftp:/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:99:99:Nobody:/:/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:192:192:systemd Network Management:/:/sbin/nologin
dbus:x:81:81:System message bus:/:/sbin/nologin
polkitd:x:999:997:User for polkitd:/:/sbin/nologin
rpc:x:32:32:Rpcbind Daemon:/var/lib/rpcbind:/sbin/nologin
sssd:x:998:996:User for sssd:/:/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:38:38:/:etc/ntp:/sbin/nologin
tss:x:59:59:Account used by the trousers package to sandbox the tcsd daemon:/dev/null:/sbin/nologin
```

System file leaks

Telematics Data Stream

ATP: Advanced Telematics Protocol

- Support SMS channel, TCP channel
- Mutual TLS (TCP)
- Support Encryption
- Unique key-pairs
- Dynamic key/IV

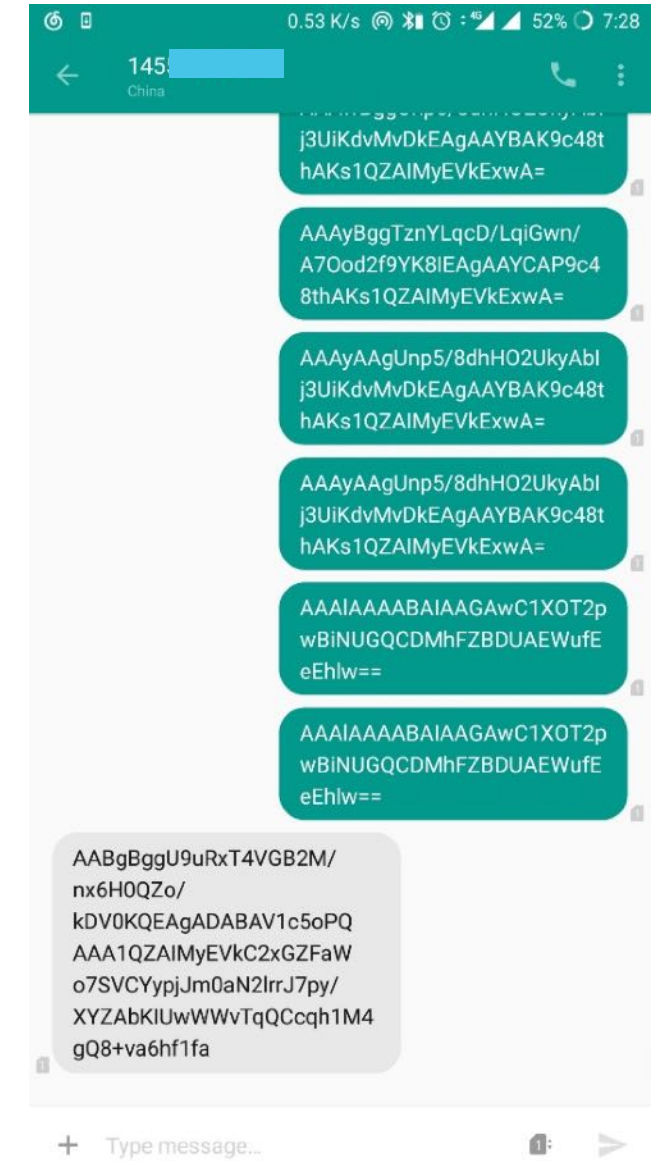


Car control data stream

SMS Communication

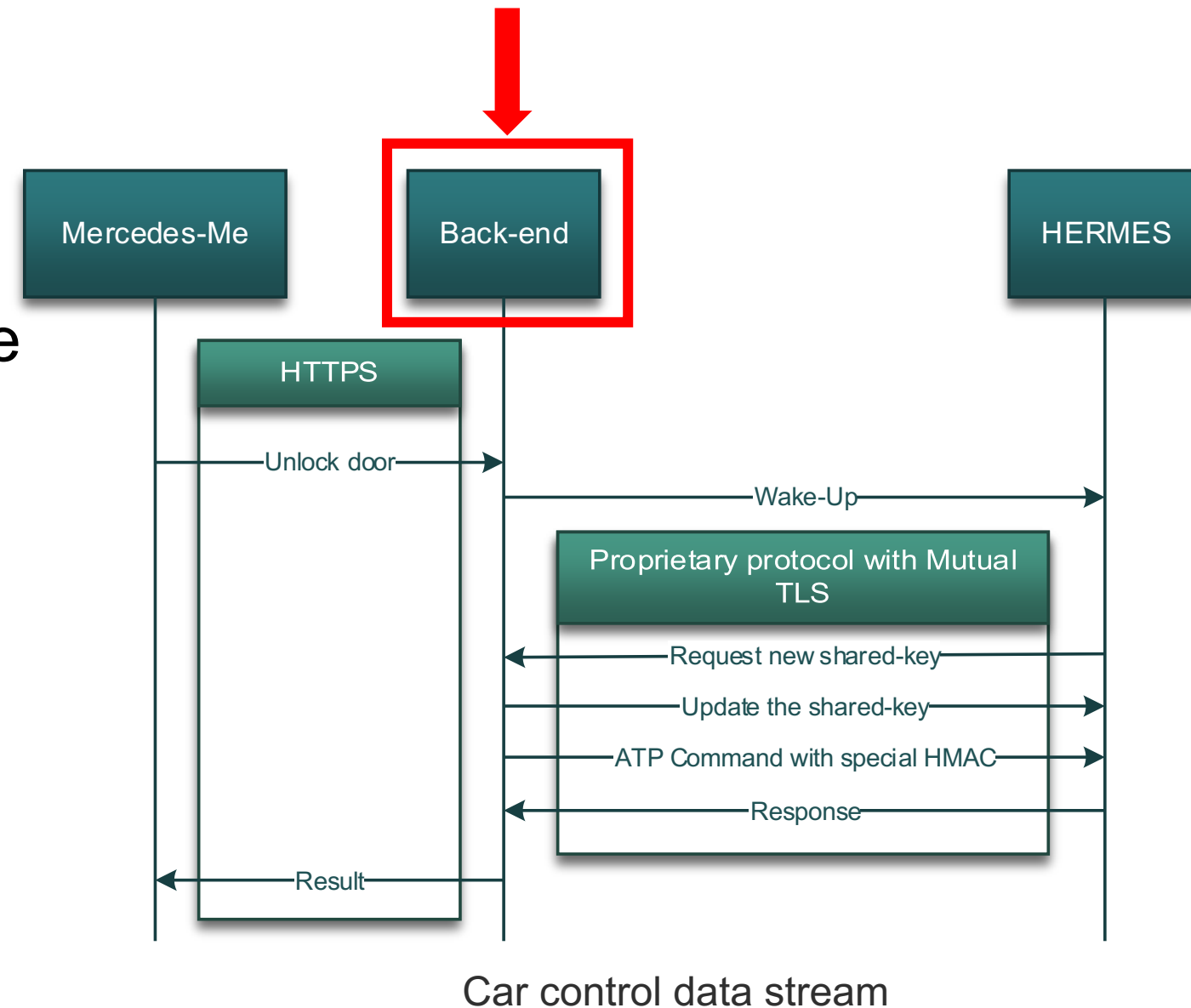
- Disconnect the TCU network, change the platform number to my phone number
- We can communicate with the TCU by using mobile phone.
- **BUT it's secure.** The algorithms are hmacSHA256 + AES256, we can't modify it or replay it.

```
char    msg_len[3]
char    security_flag
char    digest_algorithm
char    digest_len
char    digest_position[digest_len]
char    message_type[2] // 02 AES256CFB HMAC SHA256
1-byte  unknown
char    application_id[2] // 06 door 2b sigpos
19-bytes unknown
char    vin_length
```



Control Data Stream

- Car owners login Mercedes-Me from APP.
- The Back-end server didn't authenticate the requests from Mercedes-Me.
- Once we get the access to back-end, we can control any car in China.



Car Control Command

Supported Commands

- Door lock/unlock
- Roof open/close
- Lighting on/off
- Car beeping
- Engine start/stop (Limited)
 - Based on FBS4
 - Limited models
 - Value-added Service

The screenshot shows a REST client interface for a POST request to the endpoint `http://[redacted]/vehicleapi/vehicles/[redacted]/engine/v1/start`. The response body is displayed in JSON format:

```
1 {
2   "state": "INITIATION",
3   "processid": 66408453,
4   "errors": []
5 }
```

Engine start success

Summary

- Follow Responsible Disclosure Policy
- Attack chain exploited hardware and software vulnerabilities
- Key impact: ability to send “remote services” commands (Didn’t go too far)
- We did see many security considerations in Mercedes-Benz Cars
- All access vulnerabilities were promptly fixed together

FleetSecOps in Action



Immediate Response Actions



- Step 1: Initiate & Analyze
 - Initiate incident response procedures
 - Mobilize investigation and response teams
 - Prioritize response activities
- Step 2: Contain & Fix
 - Selective blocking of services + immediate fixes
 - Forensic investigation
 - Long-term fixes development
- Step 3: Lessons Learned
 - Deploy long-term fix
 - Roll-out plan for hardening
 - Lessons learned exercise

Strong White Hat Community Is Key

 BAD ACTORS

Strong Security for our
Customers, Cars & Data





Thank You!