

Trusted Execution Environments on Mobile Devices

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What is a TEE?

Processor, memory,
storage, peripherals

Trusted Execution Environment

Isolated and integrity-
protected

Chances are that:

You have devices with hardware-based TEEs in them!

But you don't have (m)any apps using them

From the "normal" execution environment
(Rich Execution Environment)

Outline

- A look back (15 min)
 - Why mobile devices have TEEs?
- Mobile hardware security (30 min)
 - What constitutes a TEE?
- Application development (30 min)
 - Mobile hardware security APIs, On-board Credentials

Break (15 min)

- Current standardization (45 min)
 - UEFI, NIST, Global Platform, TPM 2.0 (Mobile)
- A look ahead (15 min)
 - Challenges and summary

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Trusted Execution Environments on Mobile Devices

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Description:

A trusted execution environment (TEE) is a secure processing environment that is isolated from the “normal” processing environment where the device operating system and applications run. The first mobile phones with hardware-based TEEs appeared almost a decade ago, and today almost every smartphone and tablet contains a TEE like ARM TrustZone. Despite such a large-scale deployment, the use of TEE functionality has been limited for developers. With emerging standardization this situation is about to change. In this tutorial, we explain the security features provided by mobile TEEs and describe On-board Credentials (ObC) system that enables third-party TEE development. We discuss ongoing TEE standardization activities, including the recent Global Platform standards and the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) 2.0 specification, and identify open problems for the near future of mobile hardware security.

Why do most mobile devices today have TEEs?

A LOOK BACK

Platform security for mobile devices

Mobile network operators

1. Subsidy locks → immutable ID
2. Copy protection → device authentication, app separation
3. ...



Regulators

1. RF type approval → secure storage
2. Theft deterrence → immutable ID
3. ...



End users

1. Reliability → app separation
2. Theft deterrence → immutable ID
3. Privacy → app separation
4. ...



Closed → open
Different expectation
compared to PCs

Early adoption of platform security

Both IMSI and IMEI require physical protection.

GSM 02.09, 1993

Physical protection means that manufacturers shall take necessary and sufficient measures to ensure the programming and mechanical security of the IMEI. The manufacturer shall also ensure that the IMEI (where applicable) remains

The IMSI is stored securely within the SIM.

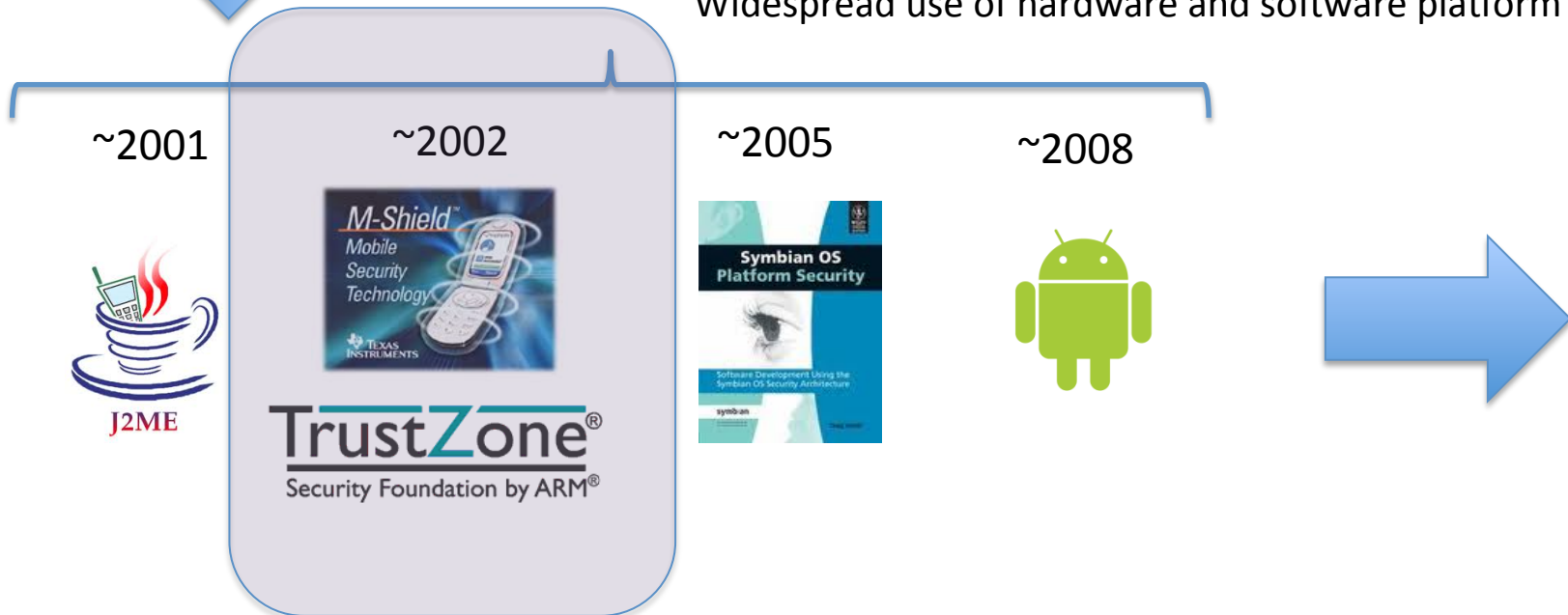
3GPP TS 42.009, 2001

The IMEI shall not be changed after the ME's final production process. It shall resist tampering, i.e. manipulation and change, by any means (e.g. physical, electrical and software).

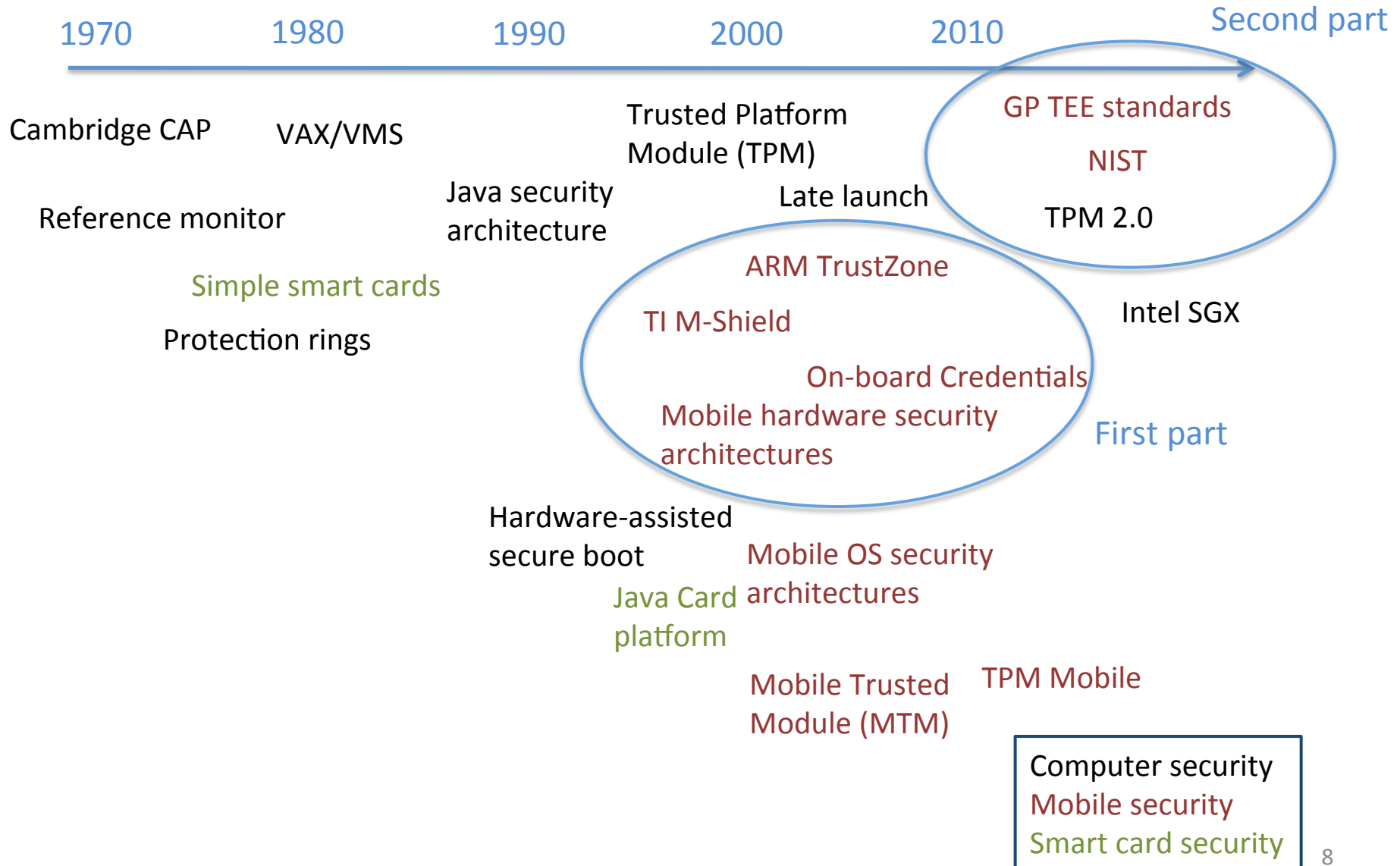
NOTE: This requirement is valid for new GSM Phase 2 and Release 96, 97, 98 and 99 MEs type approved after 1st June 2002.



Different starting points compared to PCs:
Widespread use of hardware and software platform security



Historical perspective

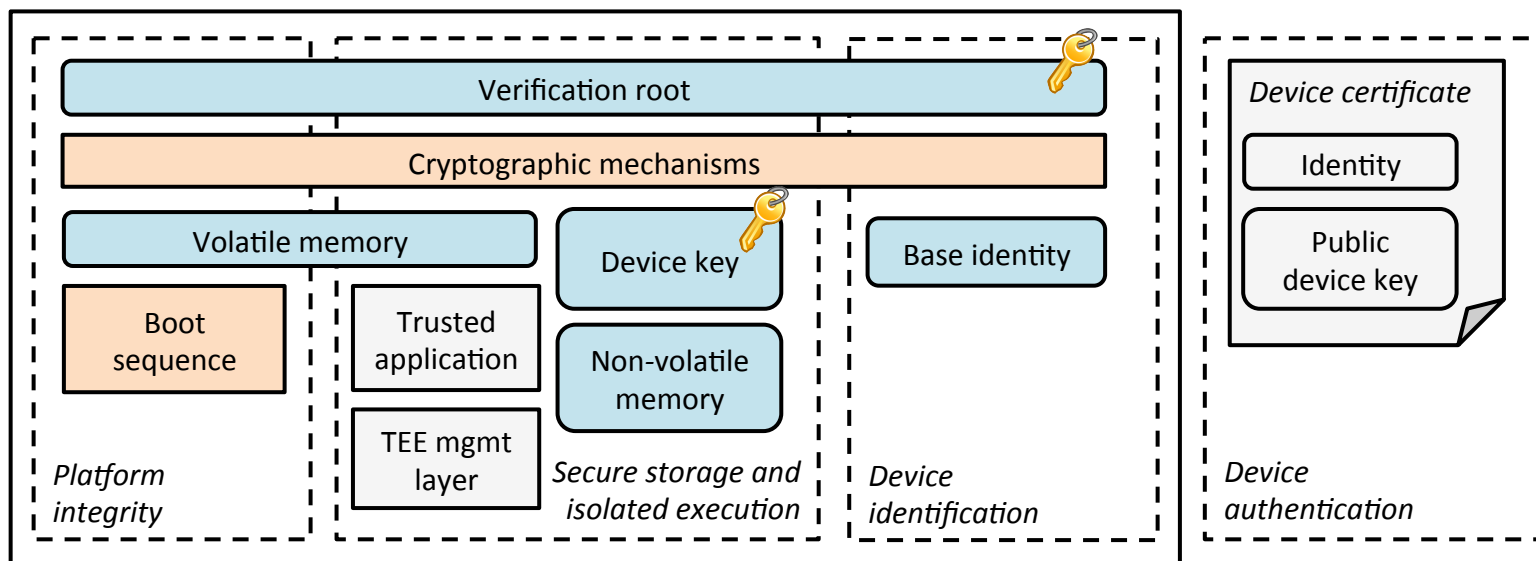
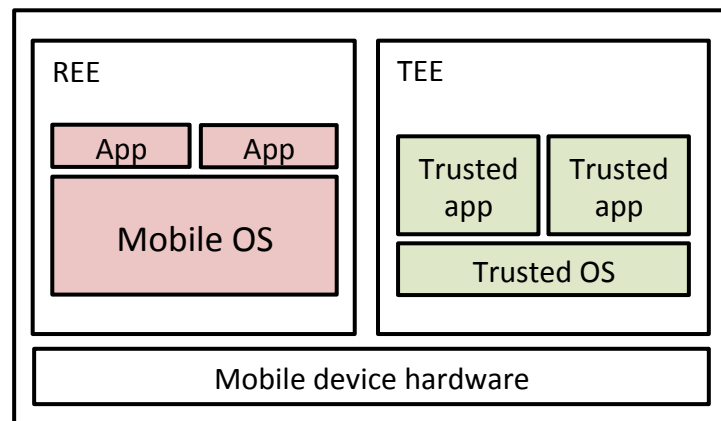


What constitutes a TEE?

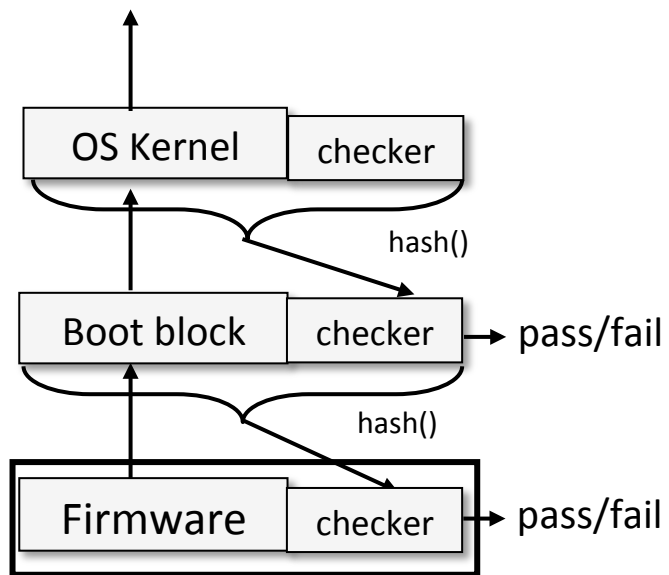
MOBILE HARDWARE SECURITY

TEE overview

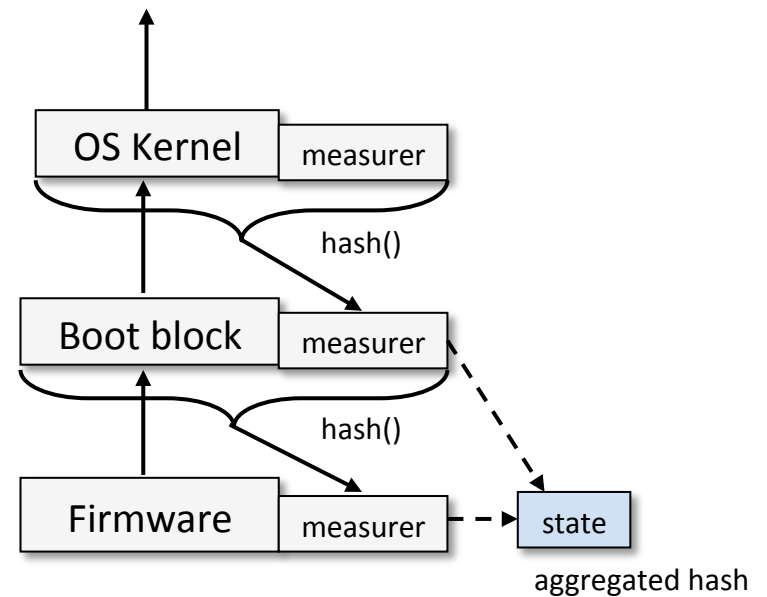
1. Platform integrity
2. Secure storage
3. Isolated execution
4. Device identification
5. Device authentication



Secure boot vs. authenticated boot



Secure boot



Authenticated boot

Platform integrity

Certified by device manufacturer

Boot code certificate

Boot code hash

Device manufacturer public key

Legend

Trust anchor (Hardware)

Trust anchor (Code)

TEE code

External certificate

Mobile device hardware TCB

Verification root

Cryptographic mechanisms

Volatile memory

Device key

Boot sequence

Trust
Ap

Stores measurements for authenticated boot

TEE management

Signature verification algorithm

Starts device boot

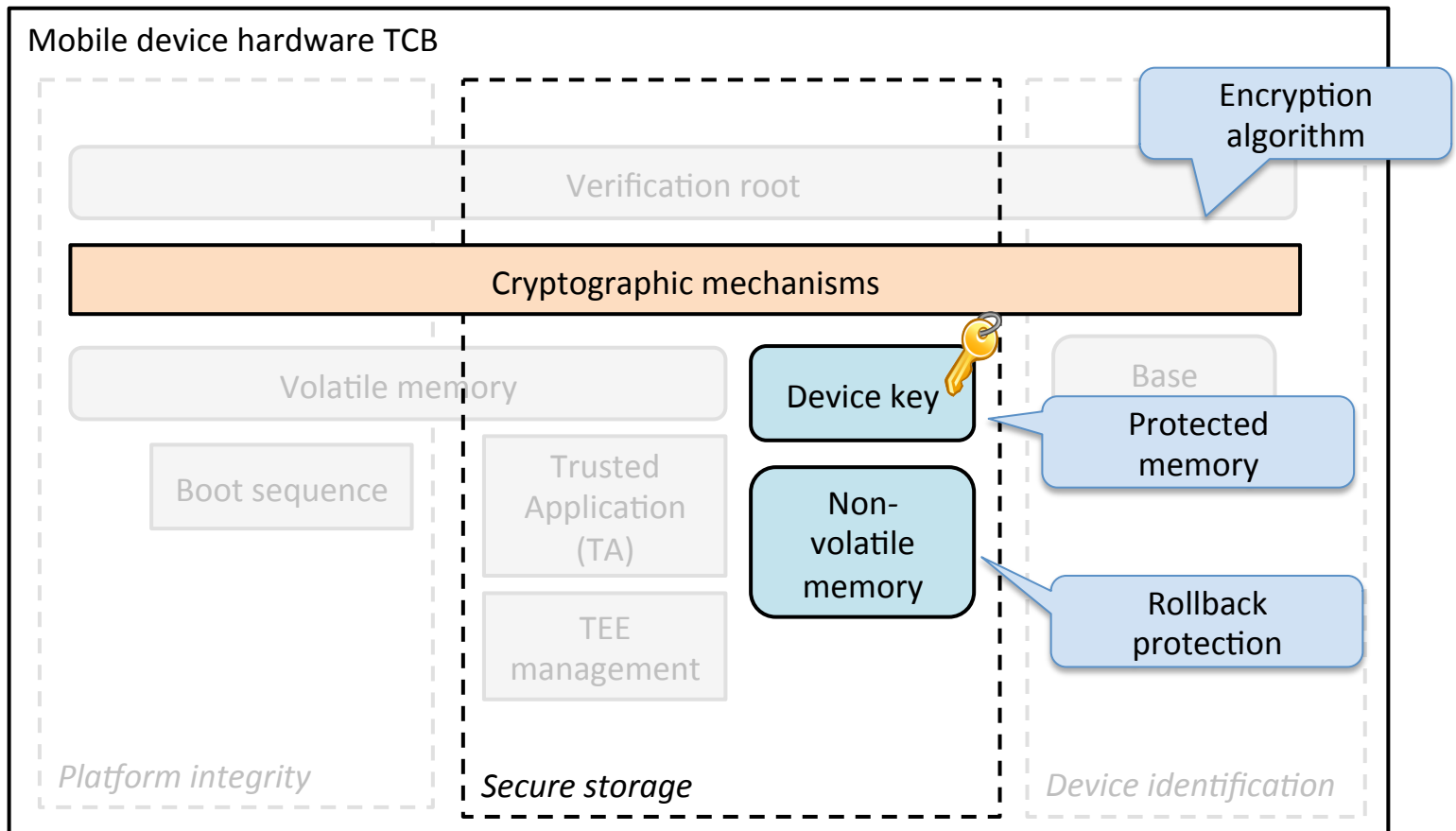
Platform integrity

Secure storage and isolated execution

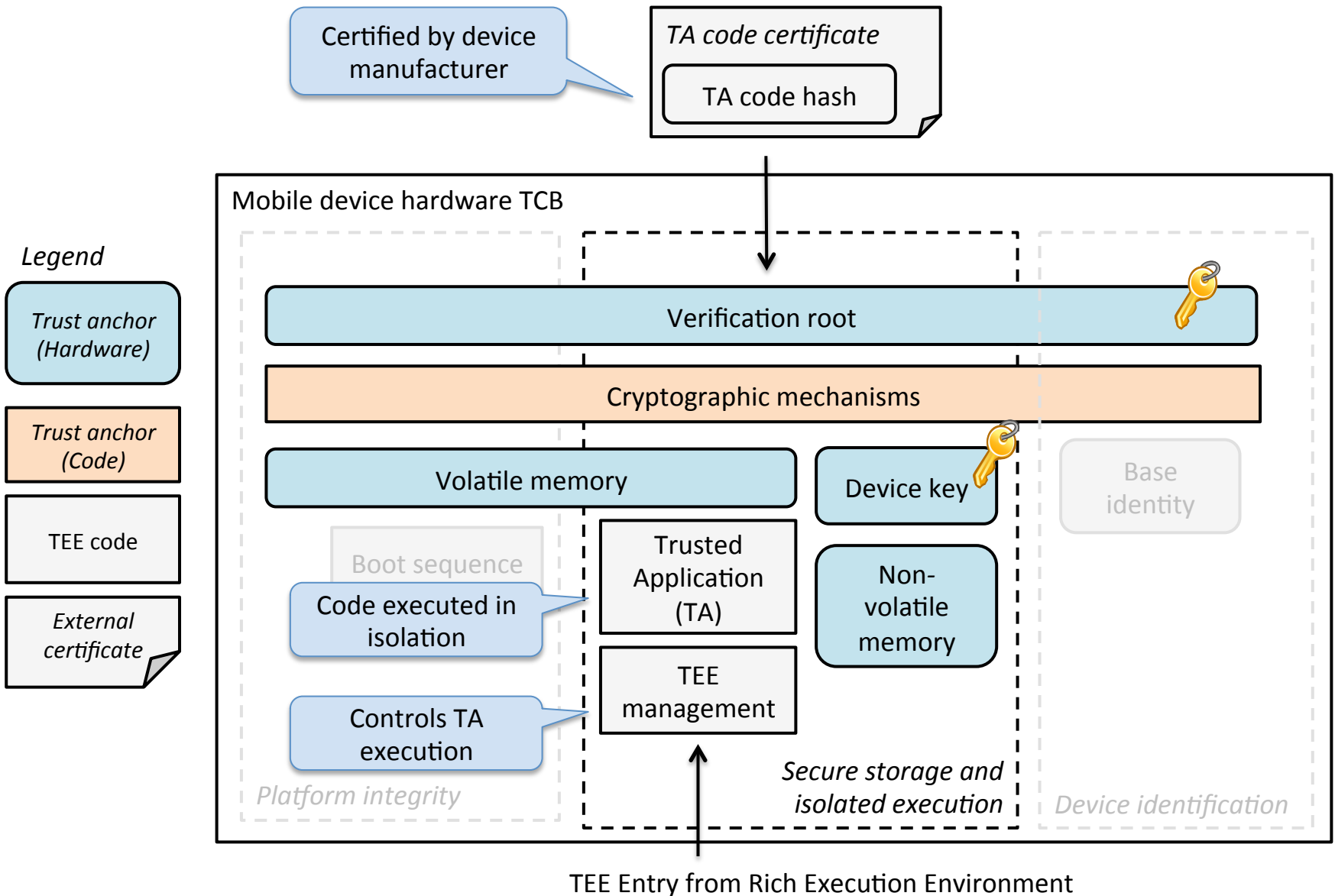
Device identification

Launch boot code

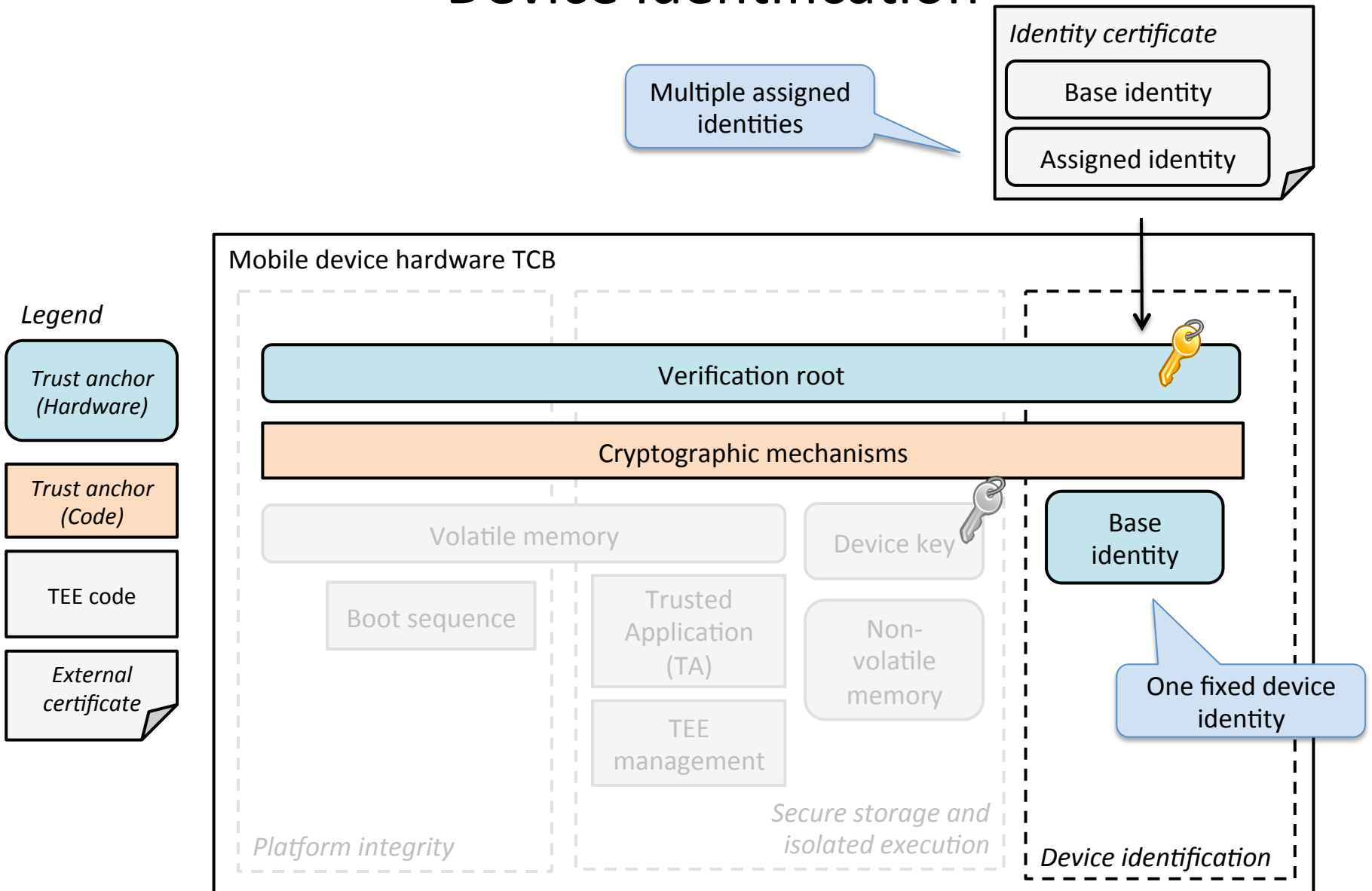
Secure storage



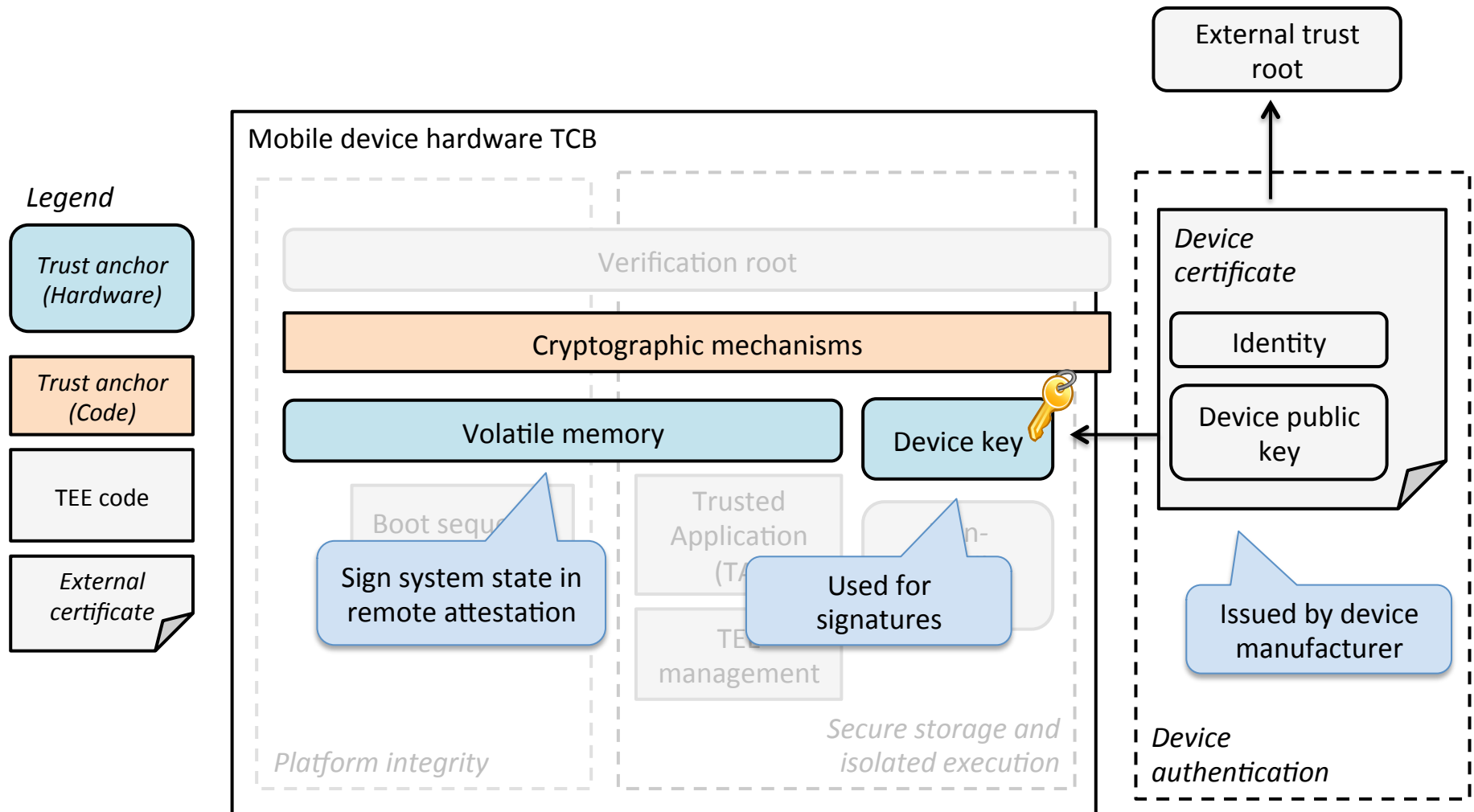
Isolated execution



Device identification

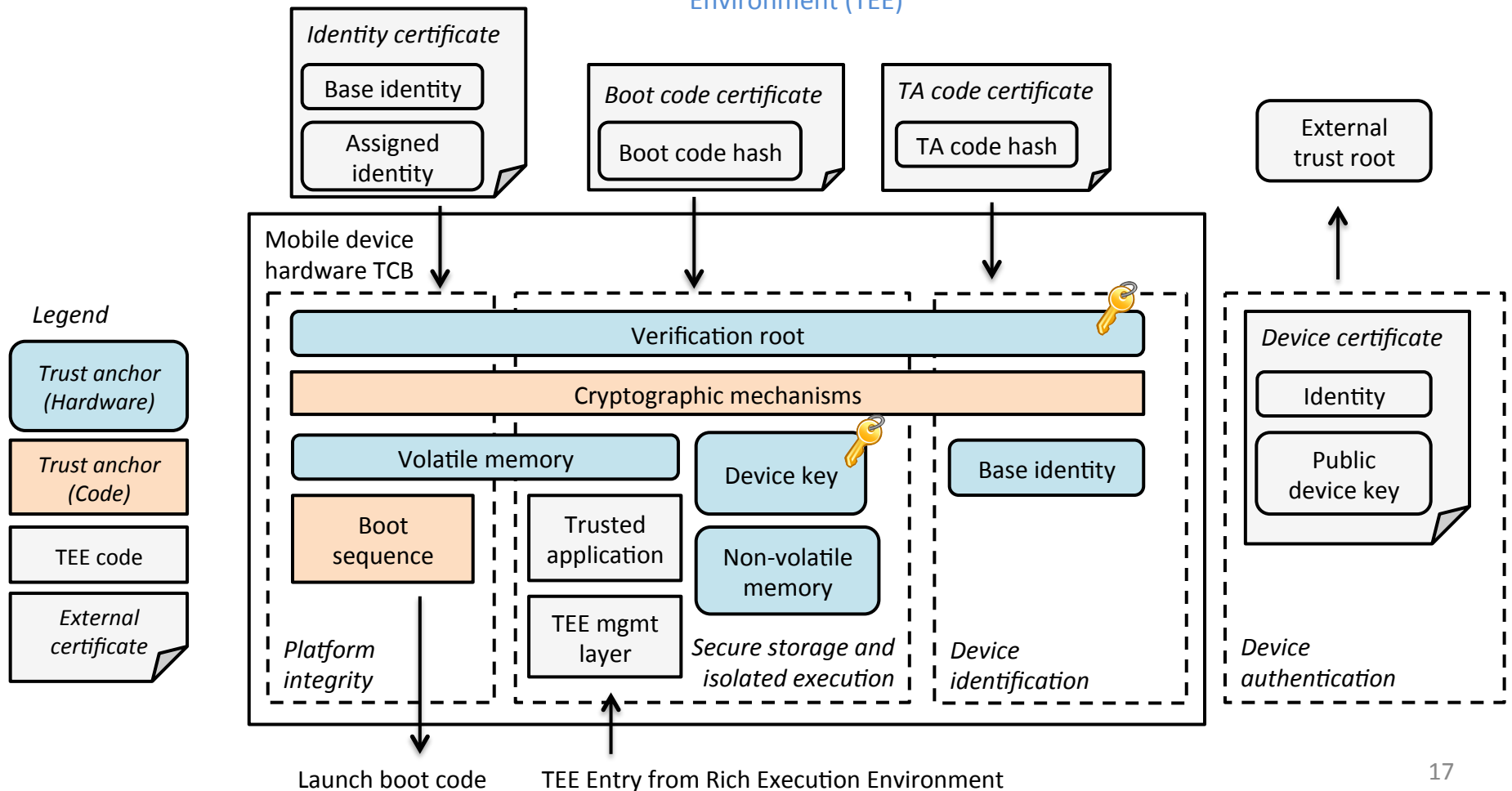


Device authentication (and remote attestation)

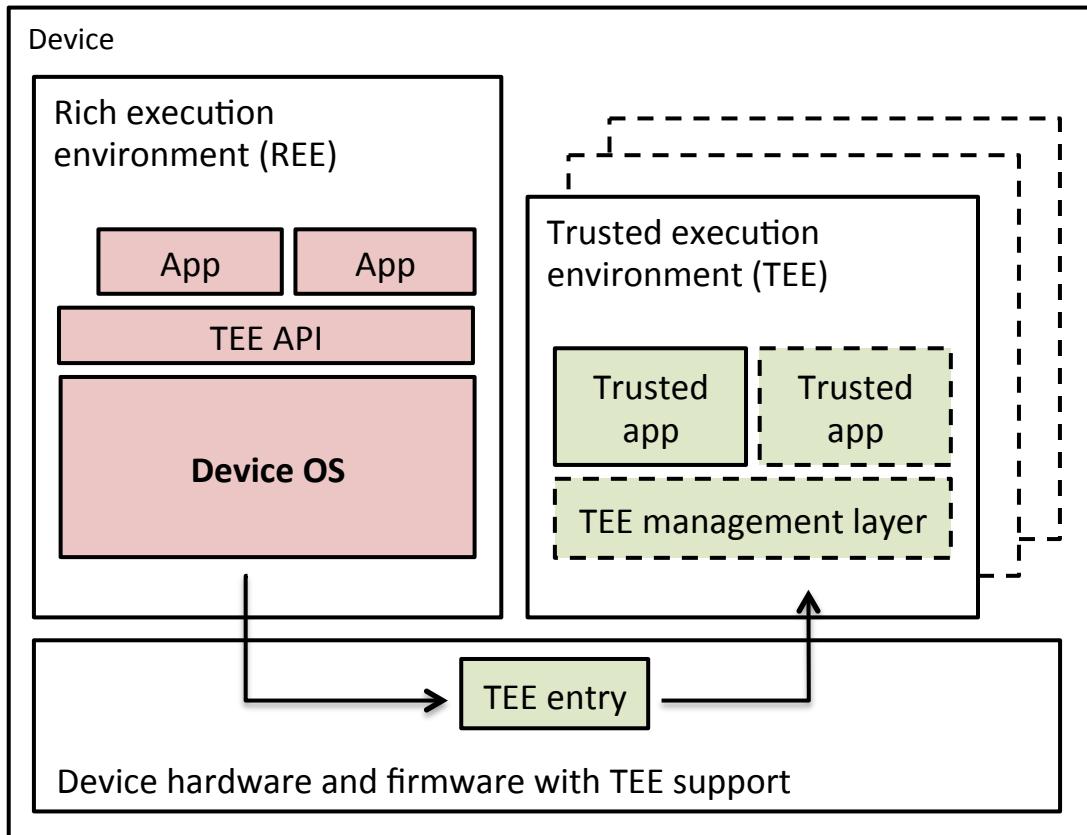


Hardware security mechanisms (recap)

1. Platform integrity
 - Secure boot
 - Authenticated boot
2. Secure storage
3. Isolated execution
 - Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)
4. Device identification
5. Device authentication
 - Remote attestation



TEE system architecture



Architectures with single TEE

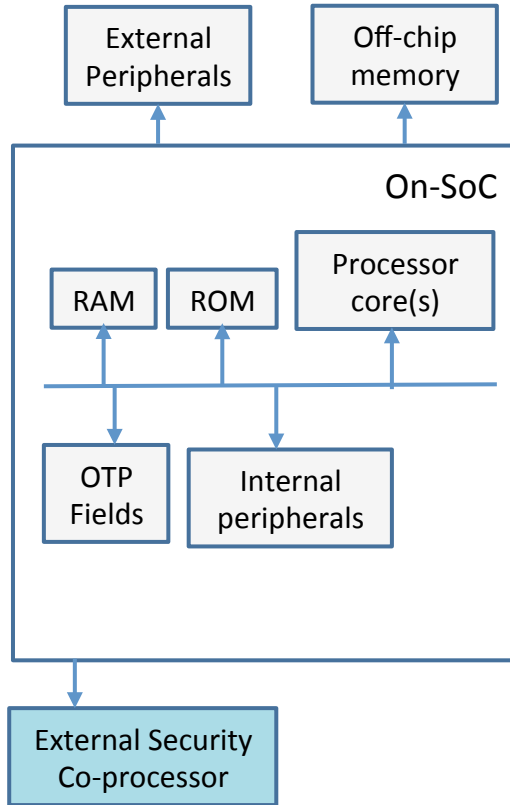
- ARM TrustZone
- TI M-Shield
- Smart card
- Crypto co-processor
- TPM

Architectures with multiple TEEs

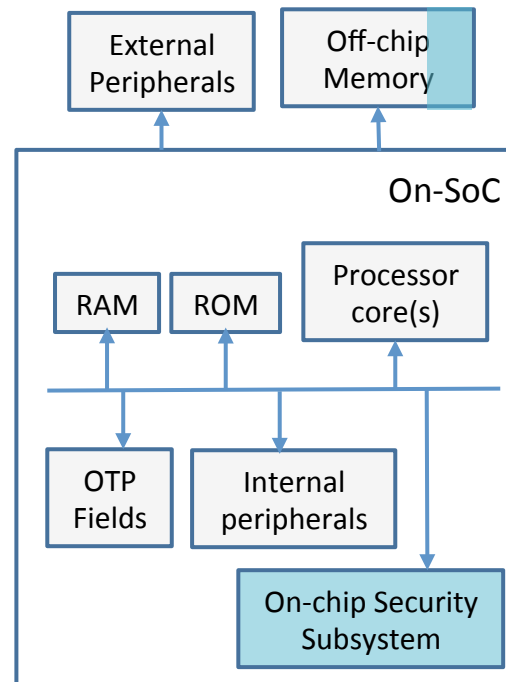
- Intel SGX
- TPM (and "Late Launch")
- Hypervisor

TEE hardware realization alternatives

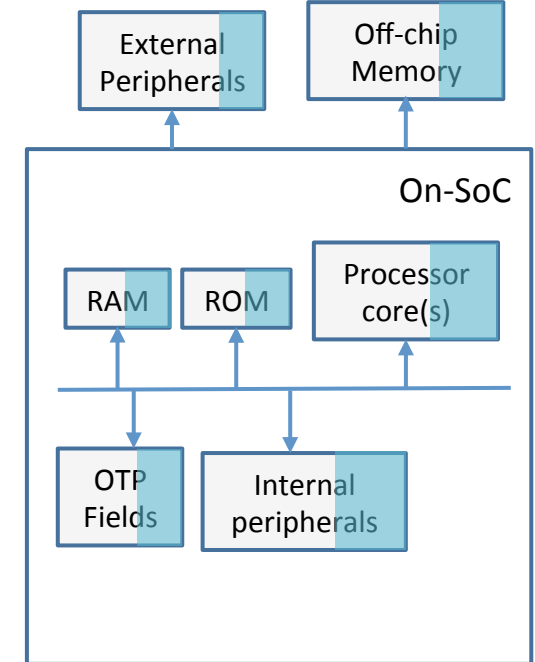
TEE component



External Secure Element
(TPM, smart card)

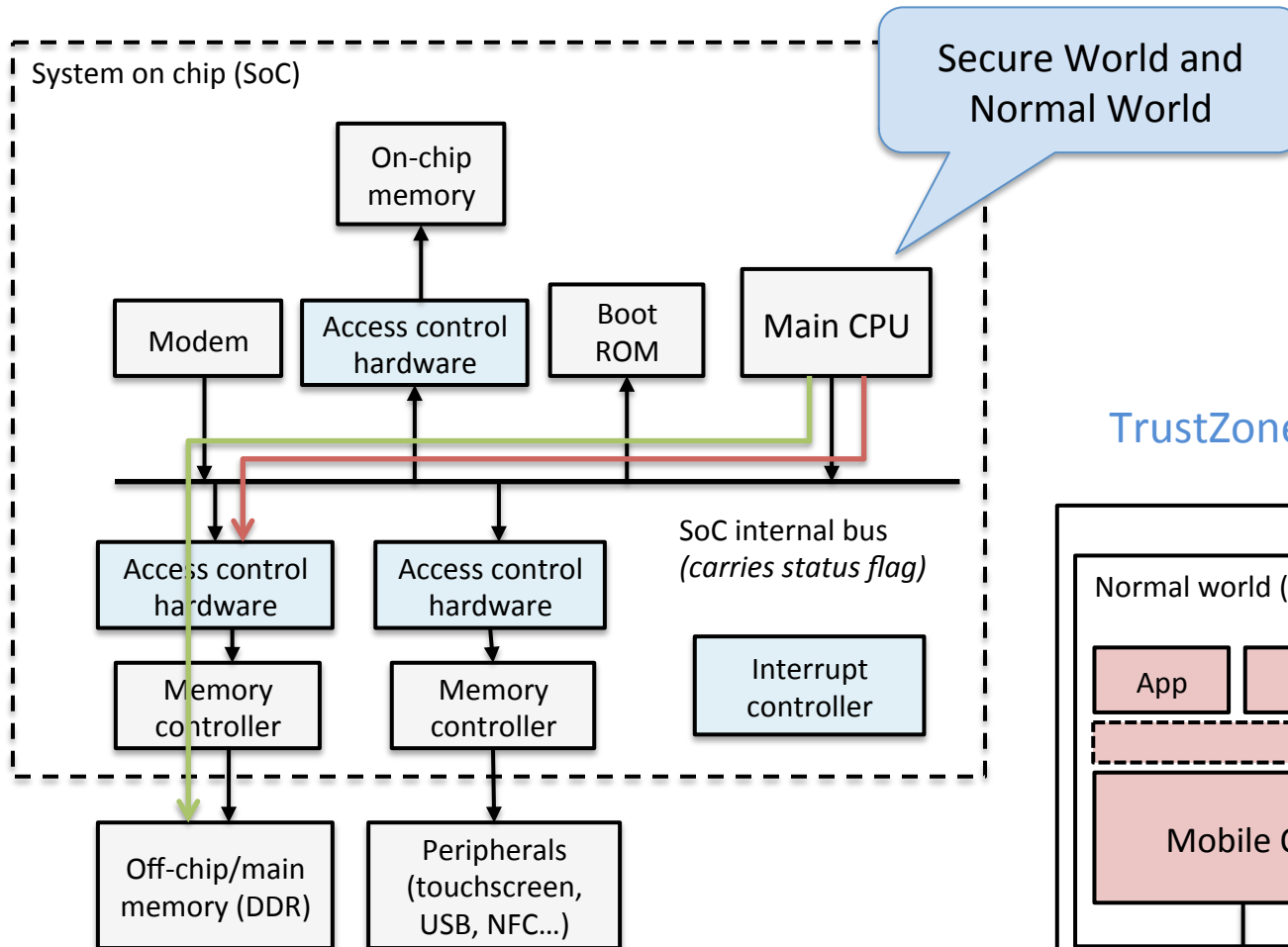


Embedded Secure Element
(smart card)



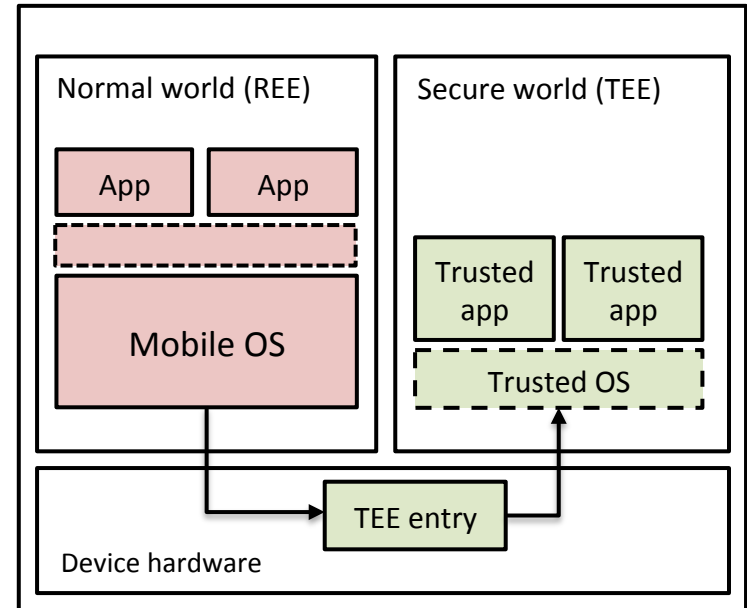
Processor Secure Environment
(TrustZone, M-Shield)

ARM TrustZone architecture

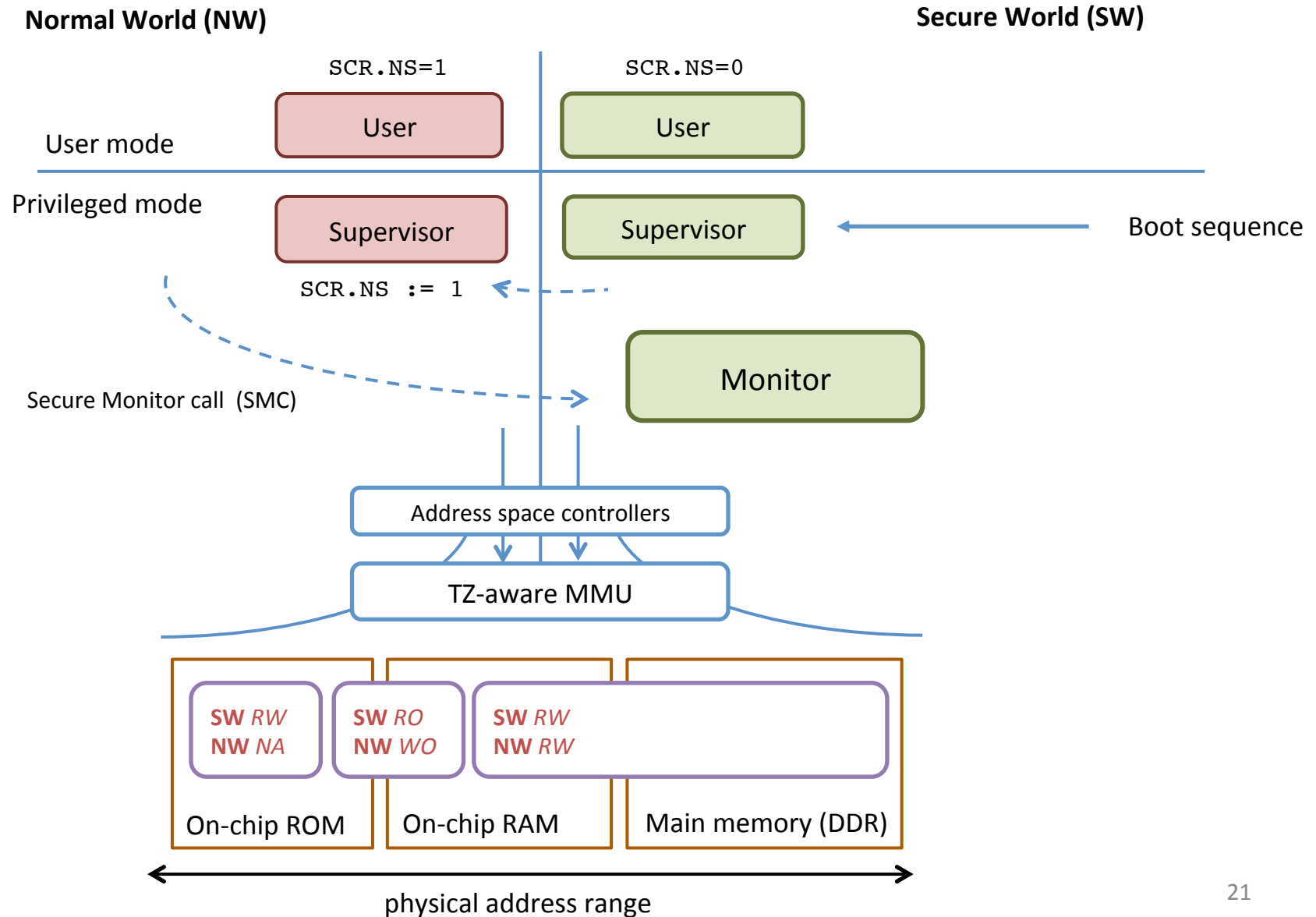


TrustZone hardware architecture

TrustZone system architecture



TrustZone overview



TrustZone example (1/2)

1. Boot begins in Secure World Supervisor mode (set access control)

Boot vector

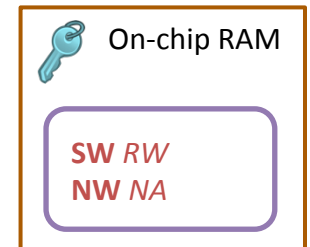
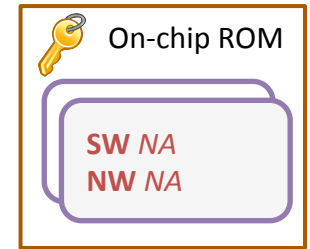


Secure World
Supervisor

2. Copy code and keys from on-chip ROM to on-chip RAM

Secure World
Supervisor

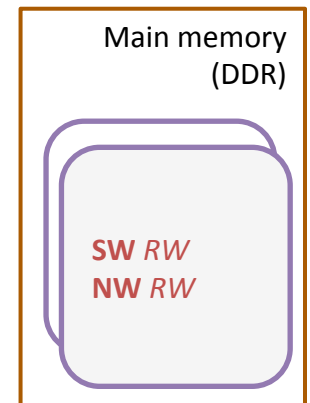
code (trusted OS)
device key



3. Configure address controller (protect on-chip memory)

Secure World
Supervisor

code (boot loader)

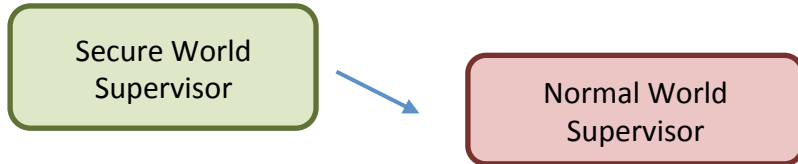


4. Prepare for Normal World boot

Secure World
Supervisor

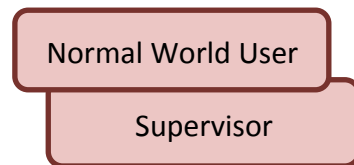
TrustZone example (2/2)

5. Jump to Normal World Supervisor for traditional boot



An ordinary boot follows: Set up MMU, load OS, drivers...

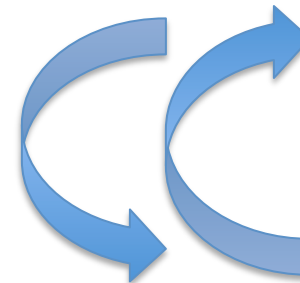
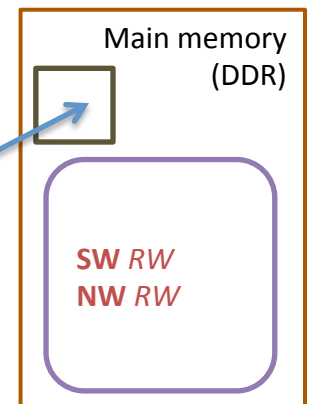
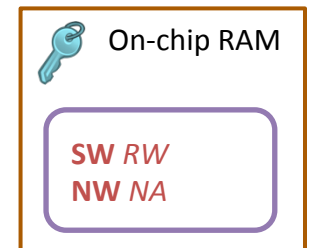
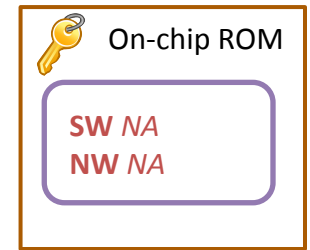
6. Set up trusted application execution



7. Execute trusted application



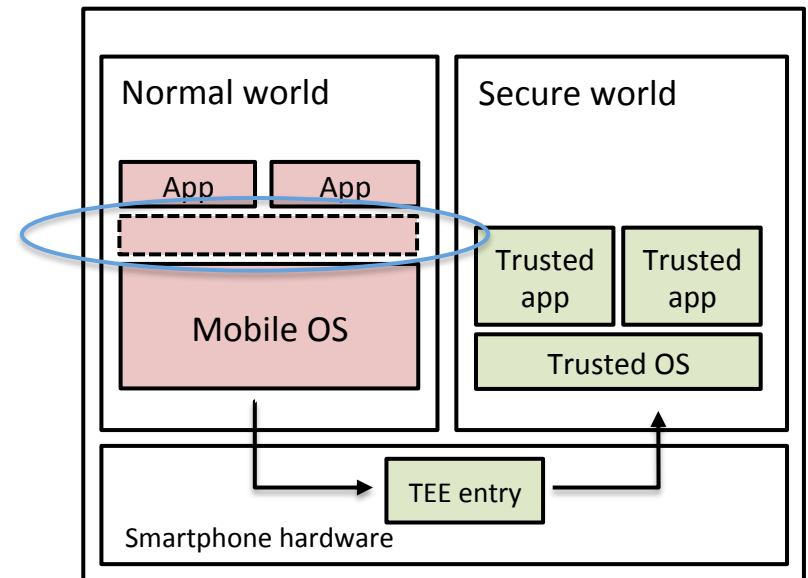
SMC, NS→0



trusted app and parameters

Mobile TEE deployment

- TrustZone support available in **majority** of current smartphones
- *Are there any APIs for developers?*



Mobile hardware security APIs

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Mobile hardware security APIs

1. Secure element APIs:
(smart cards)



JSR 177



PKCS #11

2. Mobile hardware key stores:



iOS Key Store



Android Key Store

3. Programmable TEE
“credential platforms”:



On-board Credentials



Trustonic TEE API

Android Key Store API

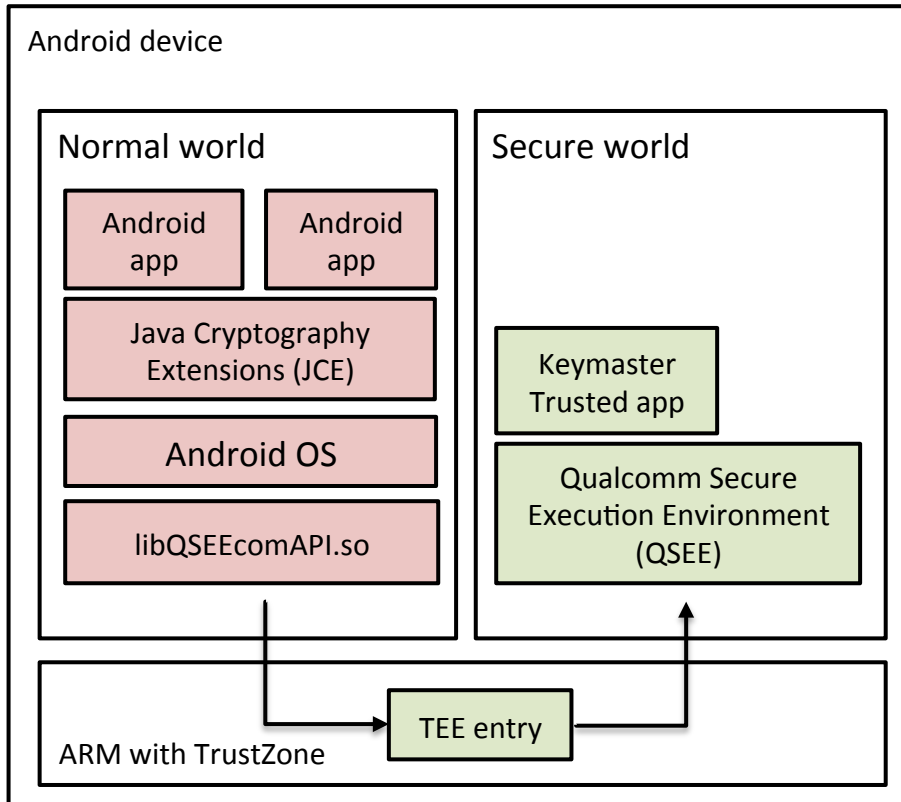
Android Key Store example

```
// create RSA key pair
Context ctx;
KeyPairGeneratorSpec spec = new KeyPairGeneratorSpec.Builder(ctx);
spec.setAlias("key1")
...
spec.build();

KeyPairGenerator gen = KeyPairGenerator.getInstance("RSA", "AndroidKeyStore");
gen.initialize(spec);
KeyPair kp = gen.generateKeyPair();

// use private key for signing
AndroidRsaEngine rsa = new AndroidRsaEngine("key1", true);
PSSSigner signer = new PSSSigner(rsa, ...);
signer.init(true, ...);
signer.update(signedData, 0, signedData.length);
byte[] signature = signer.generateSignature();
```

Android Key Store implementation



Selected devices

- Android 4.3
- Nexus 4, Nexus 7

Persistent storage on Normal World

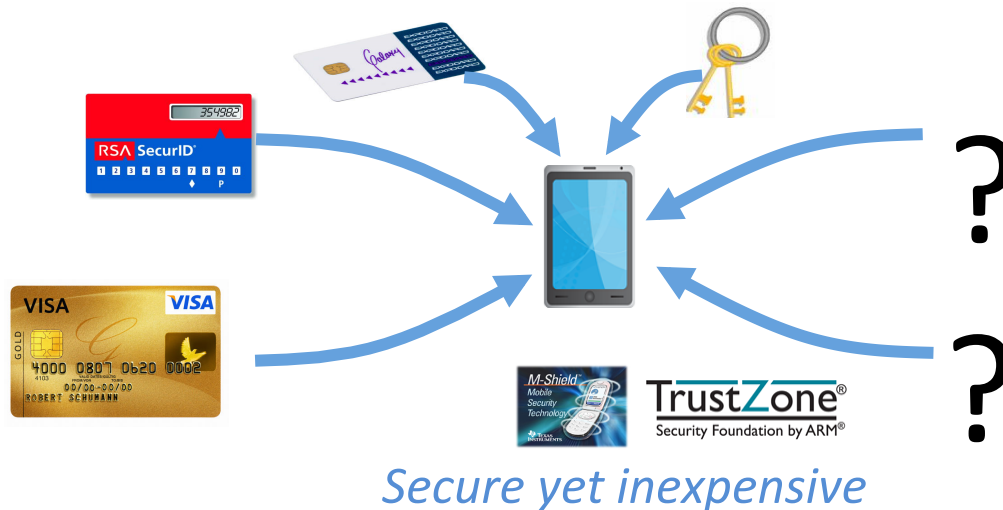
Elenkov. [Credential storage enhancements in Android 4.3](#). 2013.

Android Key Store

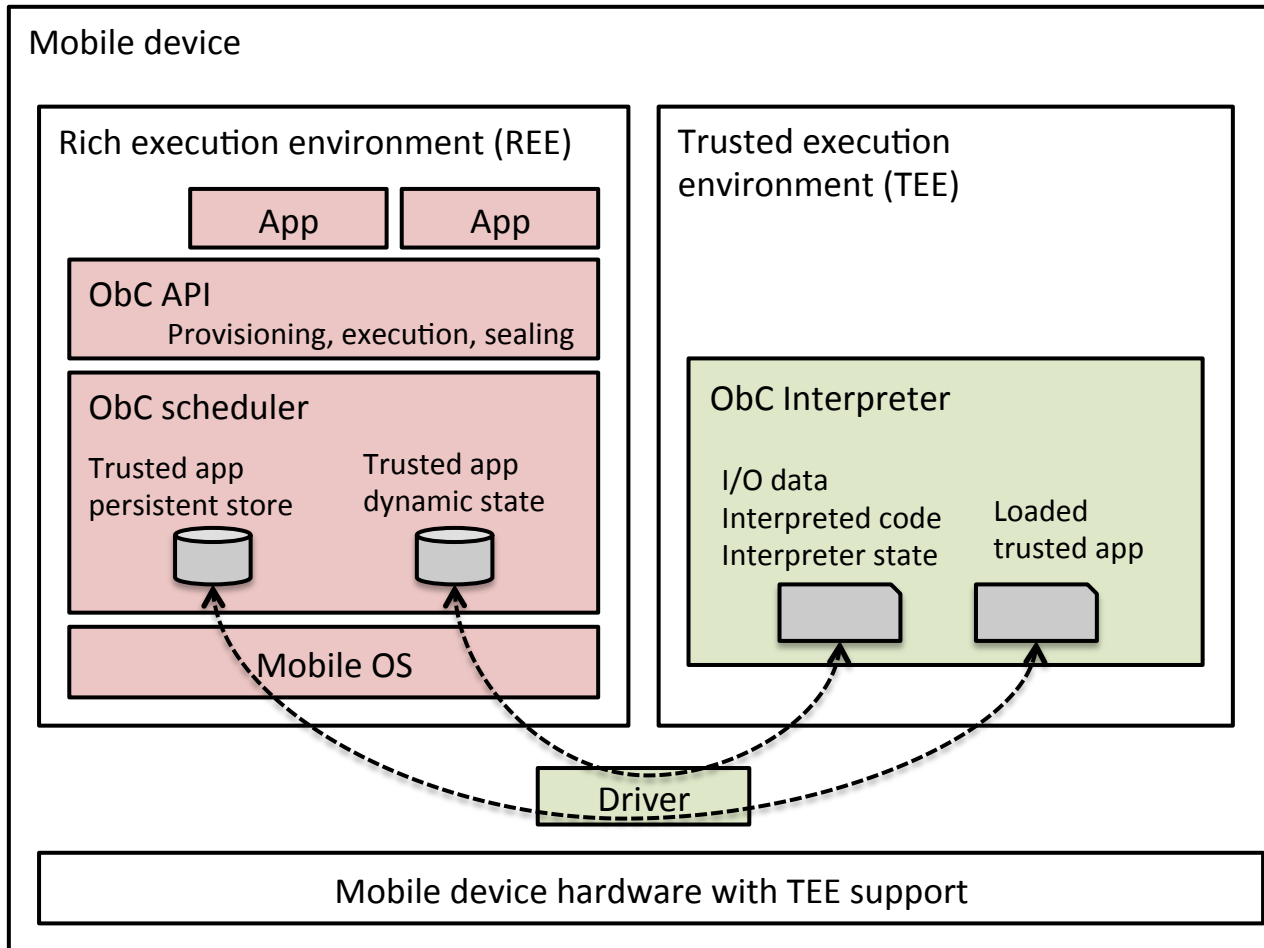
- Only predefined operations
 - Signatures
 - Encryption/decryption
- Developers cannot utilize **programmability** of mobile TEEs
 - Not possible to run arbitrary trusted applications
- (Same limitations hold for hardware protected iOS key store)

On-board Credentials goal

An **open** credential platform that enables existing mobile TEEs

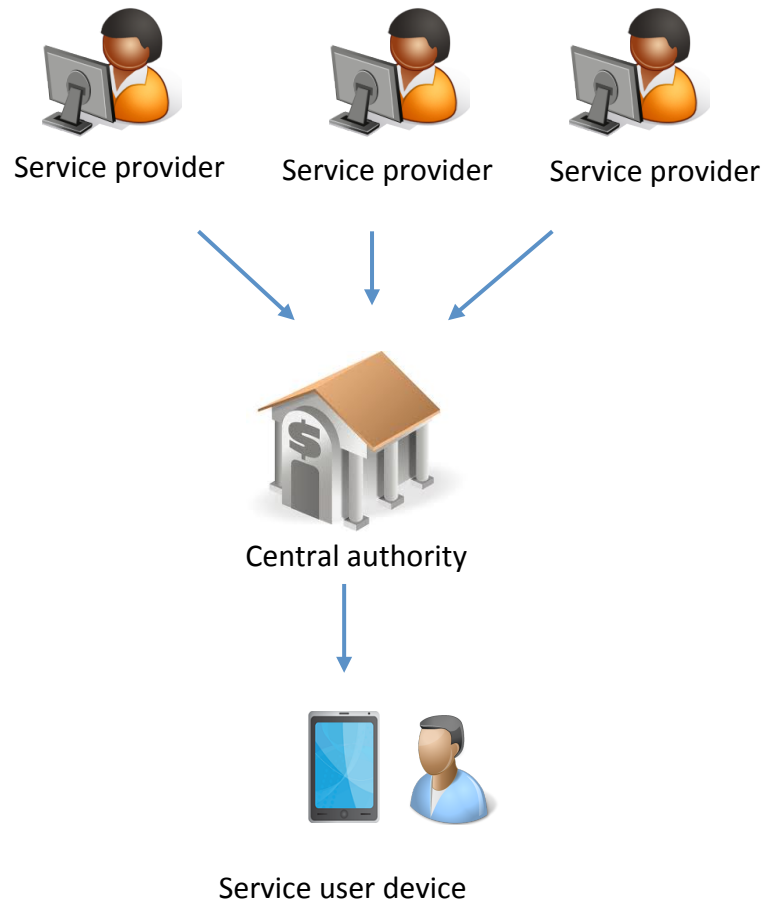


On-board Credentials (ObC) architecture

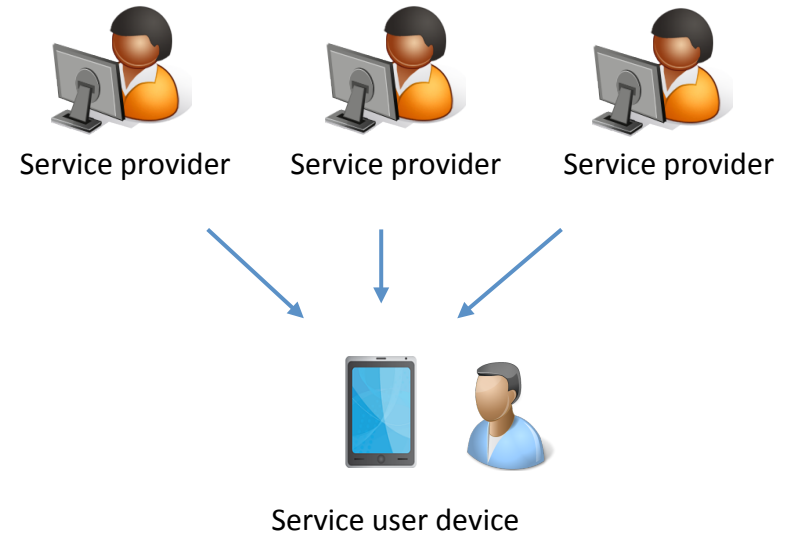


Ekberg. [Securing Software Architectures for Trusted Processor Environments](#). Dissertation, Aalto University 2013.
Kostiainen. [On-board Credentials: An Open Credential Platform for Mobile Devices](#). Dissertation, Aalto University 2012.

Centralized provisioning vs. open provisioning



Centralized provisioning
(smart card)



Open provisioning
(On-board Credentials)

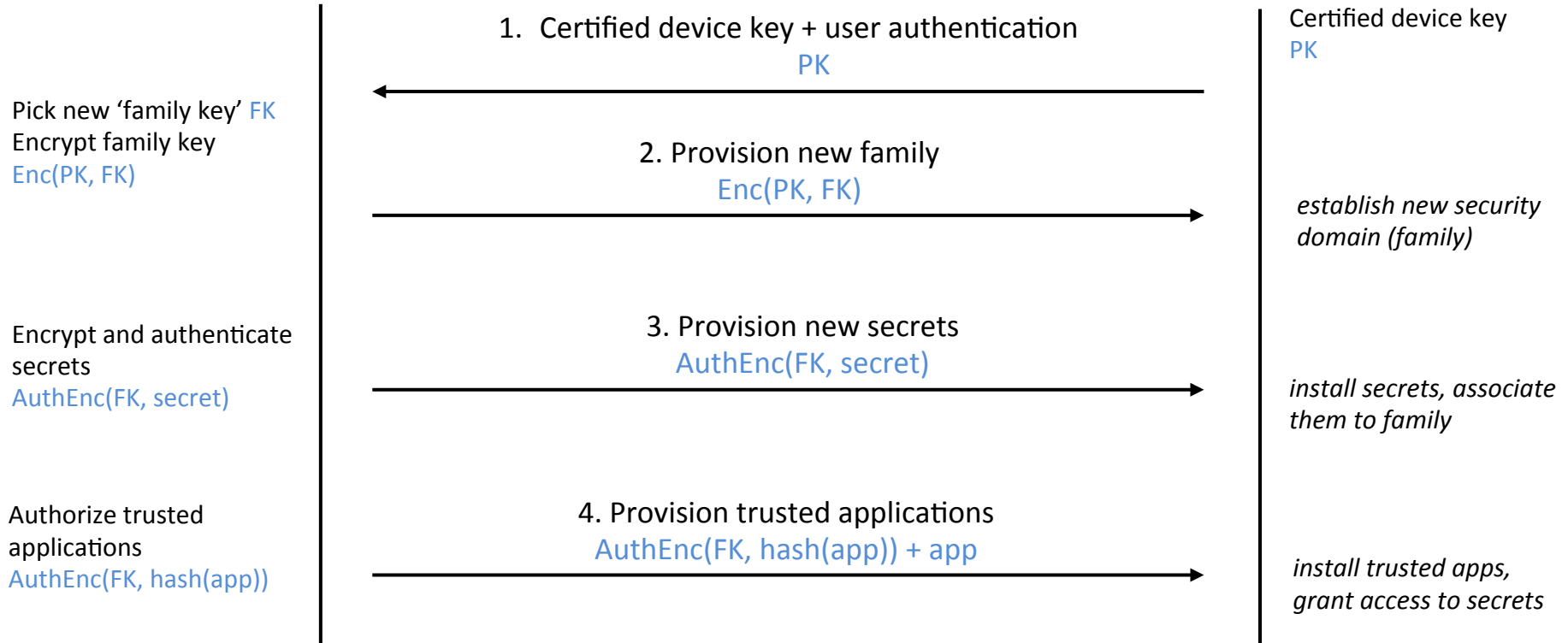
Open provisioning model



Service provider



User device



Principle of same-origin policy

On-board Credentials development



Service provider

- Trusted application development
 - BASIC like scripting language
 - Common crypto primitives available (RSA, AES, SHA)
- REE application counterpart
 - Standard smartphone app (Windows Phone)
 - ObC API: provisioning, trusted application execution

ObC counterpart application pseudo code

```
// install provisioned credential
secret = obc.InstallSecret(provSecret)
app = obc.InstallApp(provApplication)
credential = obc.CreateCredential(secret,
    app, authData)

// run installed credential
output = obc.RunCredential(credential, input)
```

ObC trusted application extract

```
rem --- Quote operation
if mode == MODE_QUOTE
    read_array(IO_SEALED_RW, 2, pcr_10)
    read_array(IO_PLAIN_RW, 3, ext_nonce)

rem --- Create TPM_PCR_COMPOSITE
pcr_composite[0] = 0x0002    rem --- sizeofSelect=2
pcr_composite[1] = 0x0004    rem --- PCR 10 selected (00 04)
pcr_composite[2] = 0x0000    rem --- PCR selection size 20
pcr_composite[3] = 0x0014
append_array(pcr_composite, pcr_10)
sha1(composite_hash, pcr_composite)

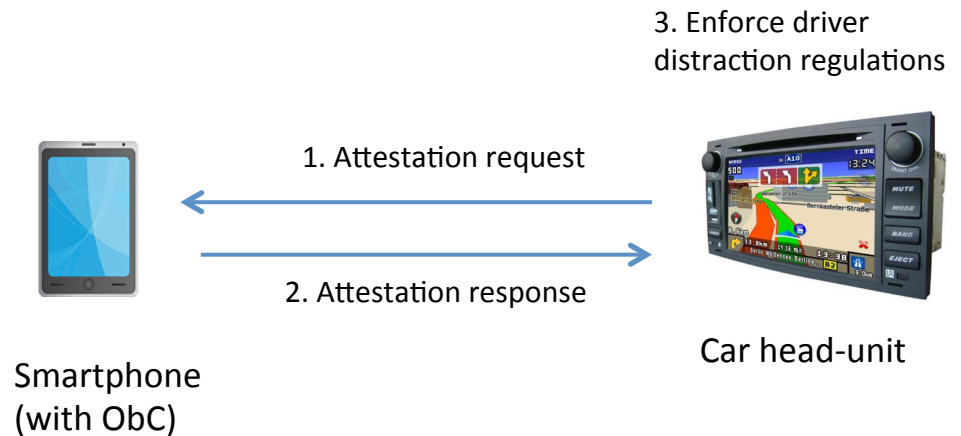
rem --- Create TPM_QUOTE_INFO
quote_info[0] = 0x0101    rem --- version (major/minor)
quote_info[1] = 0x0000    rem --- (revMajor/Minor)
quote_info[2] = 0x5155    rem --- fixed ('Q' and 'U')
quote_info[3] = 0x4F54    rem --- fixed ('O' and 'T')

append_array(quote_info, composite_hash)
append_array(quote_info, ext_nonce)
write_array(IO_PLAIN_RW, 1, pcr_composite)

rem --- Hash QUOTE_INFO for MirrorLink PA signing
sha1(quote_hash, quote_info)
write_array(IO_PLAIN_RW, 2, quote_hash)
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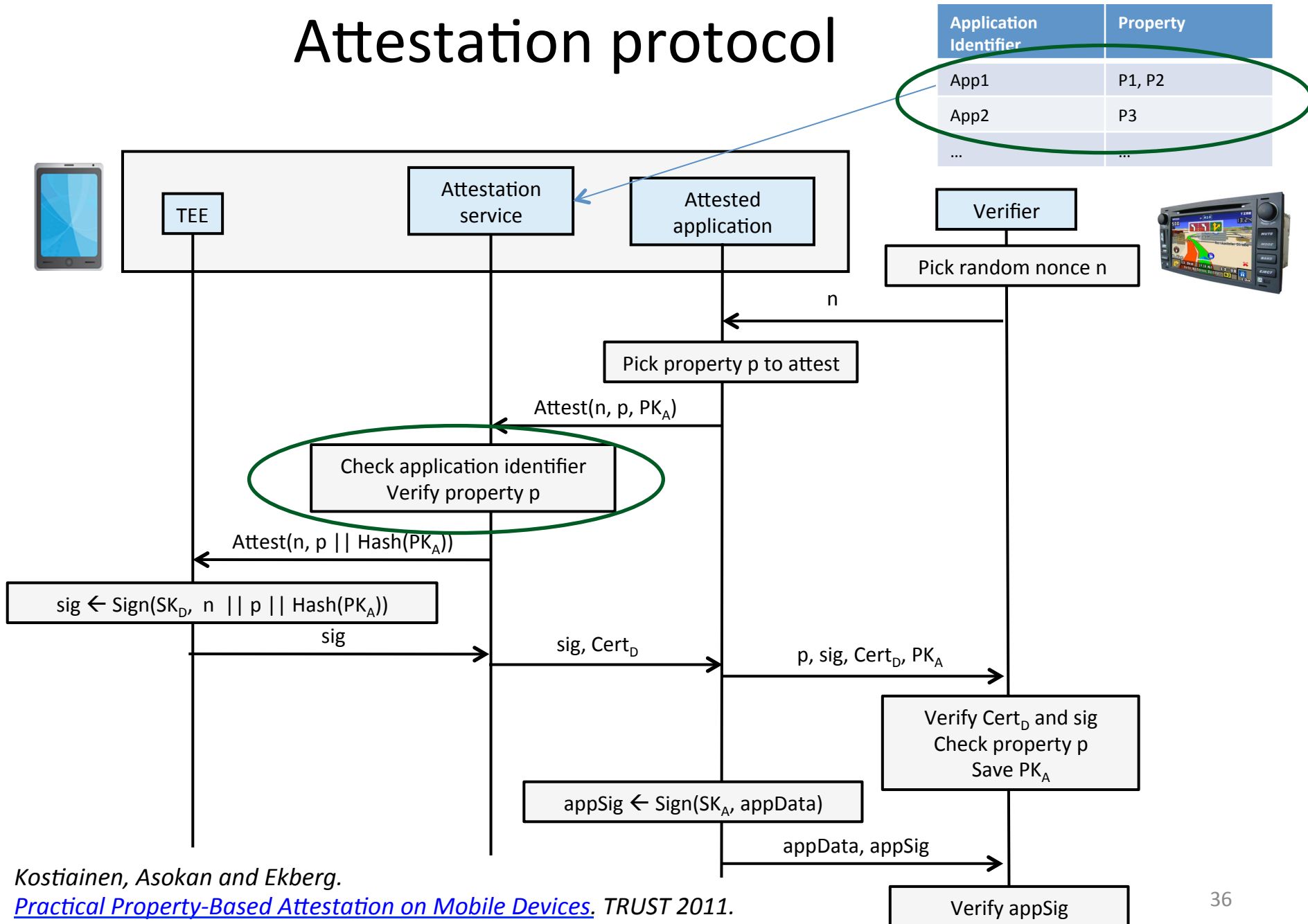
Example application: MirrorLink attestation

- MirrorLink system enables smartphone services in automotive context
- Car head-unit needs to enforce driver distraction regulations
- Attestation protocol
 - Defined using TPM structures (part of MirrorLink standard)
 - Implemented as On-board Credentials trusted application (deployed to Nokia devices)



<http://www.mirrorlink.com>

Attestation protocol

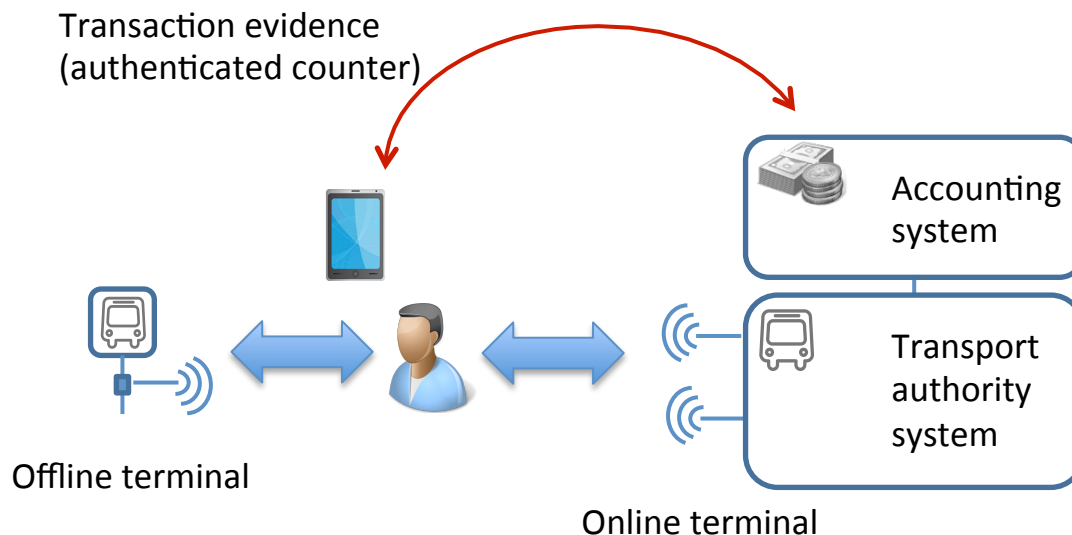


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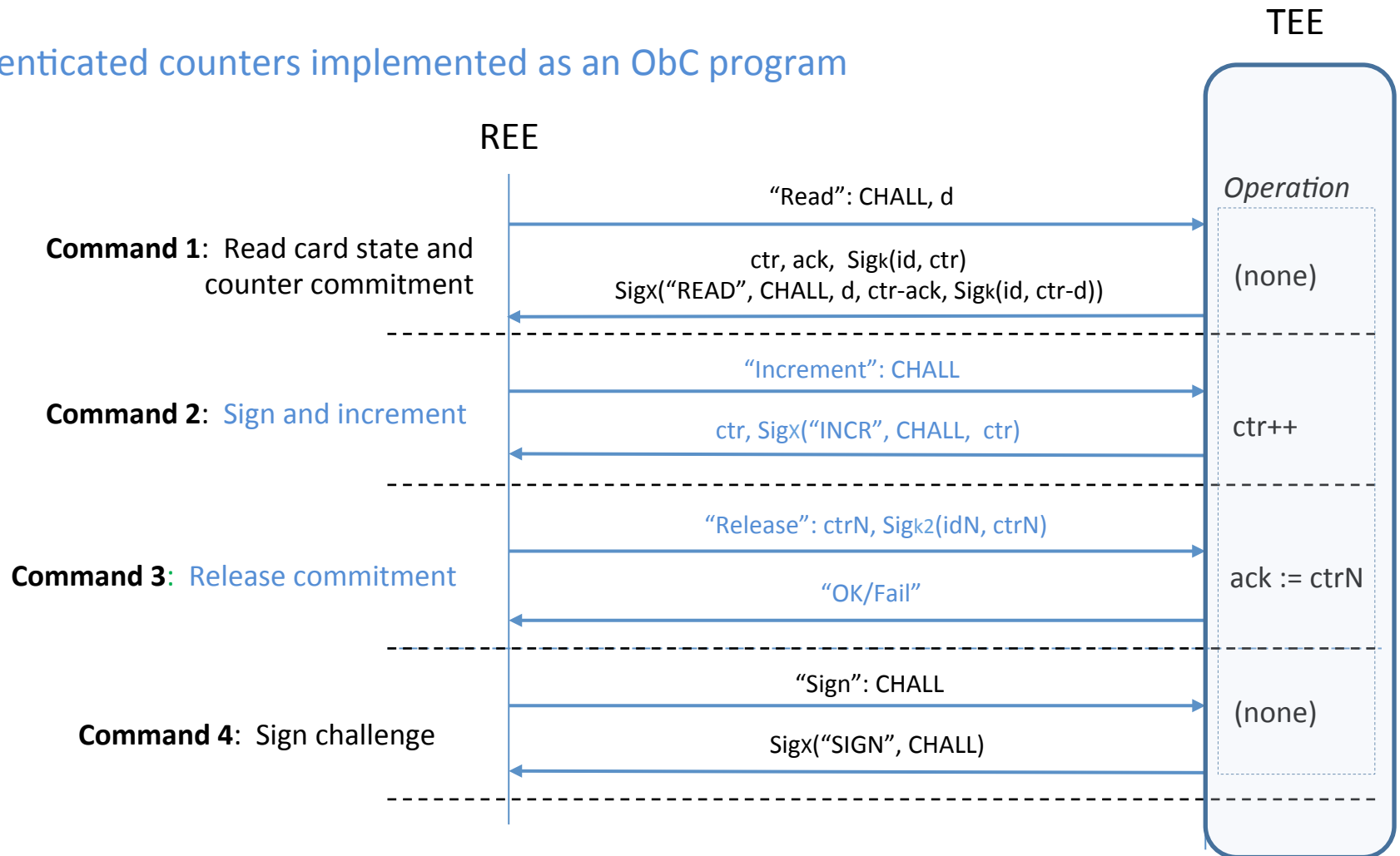
Example application: Public transport ticketing

- Mobile ticketing with NFC phones and TEE
 - Offline terminals at public transport stations
 - Mobile devices with periodic connectivity
 - Such **use case requires** ticketing protocol with **state keeping** (authenticated counters)
- 110 traveler trial in New York (summer 2012)
 - Implemented as On-board Credentials trusted application



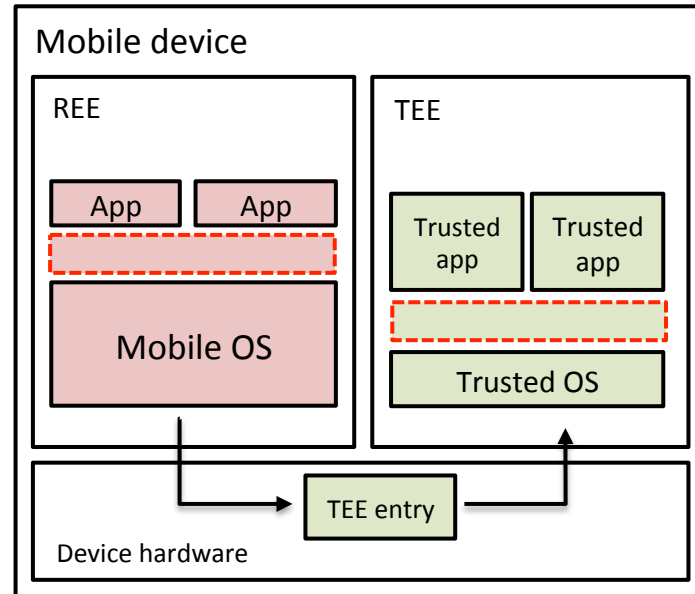
Transport ticketing protocol

Authenticated counters implemented as an ObC program



Application development summary

- Mobile TEEs previously used mainly for internal purposes
 - DRM, subsidy lock
- Currently available third-party APIs enable only limited functionality
 - Signatures, decryption
 - Android key store
 - iOS key store
- Programmable TEE platforms
 - On-board Credentials
 - Demonstrates that mobile TEEs can be safely opened for developers



See you in 15 minutes...

BREAK

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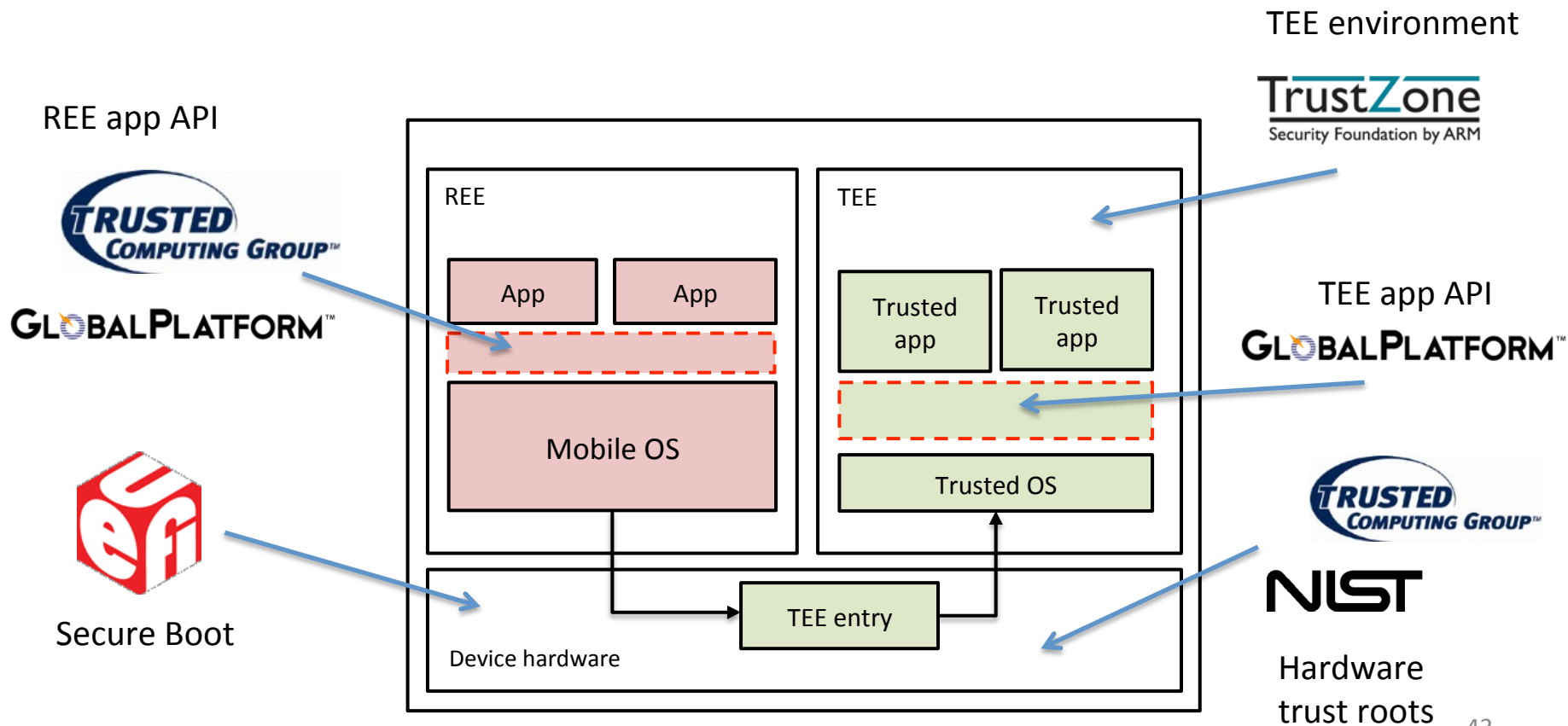
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- A look ahead (15 min)
 - Challenges and summary

UEFI, NIST, Global Platform, Trusted Computing Group

STANDARDIZATION

TEE standards and specifications

- First versions of standards already out
- Goal: easier development and better interoperability

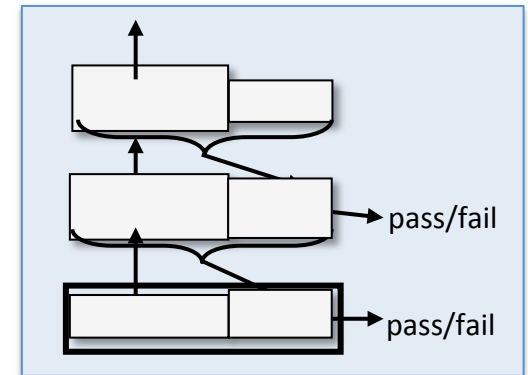
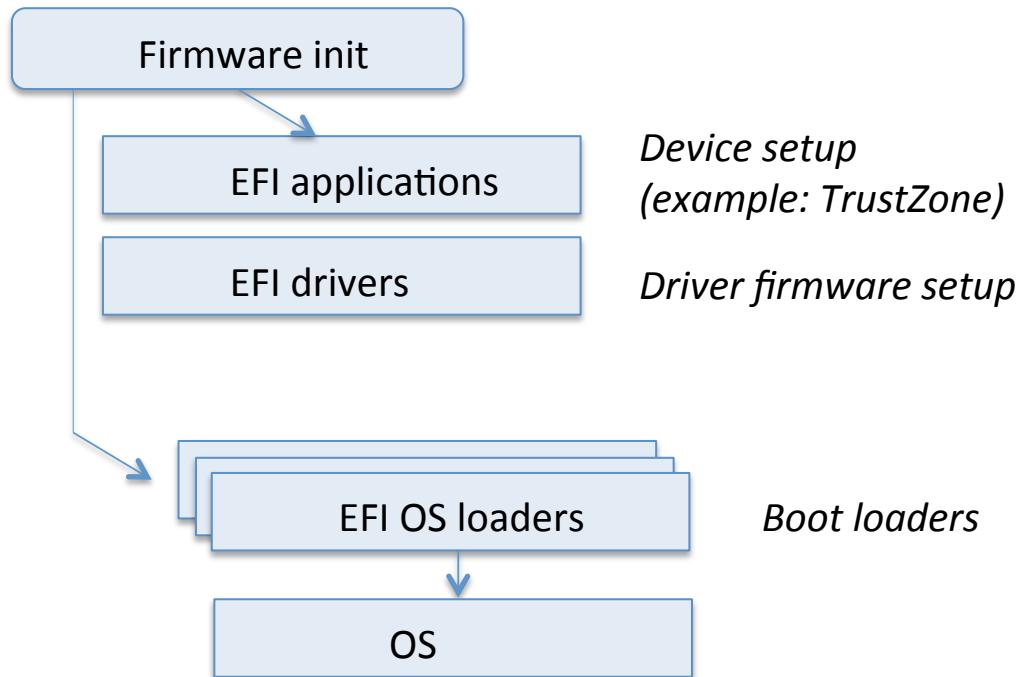


Secure Boot

UEFI

UEFI –boot principle

- UEFI standard intended as replacement for old BIOS
- Secure boot an optional feature



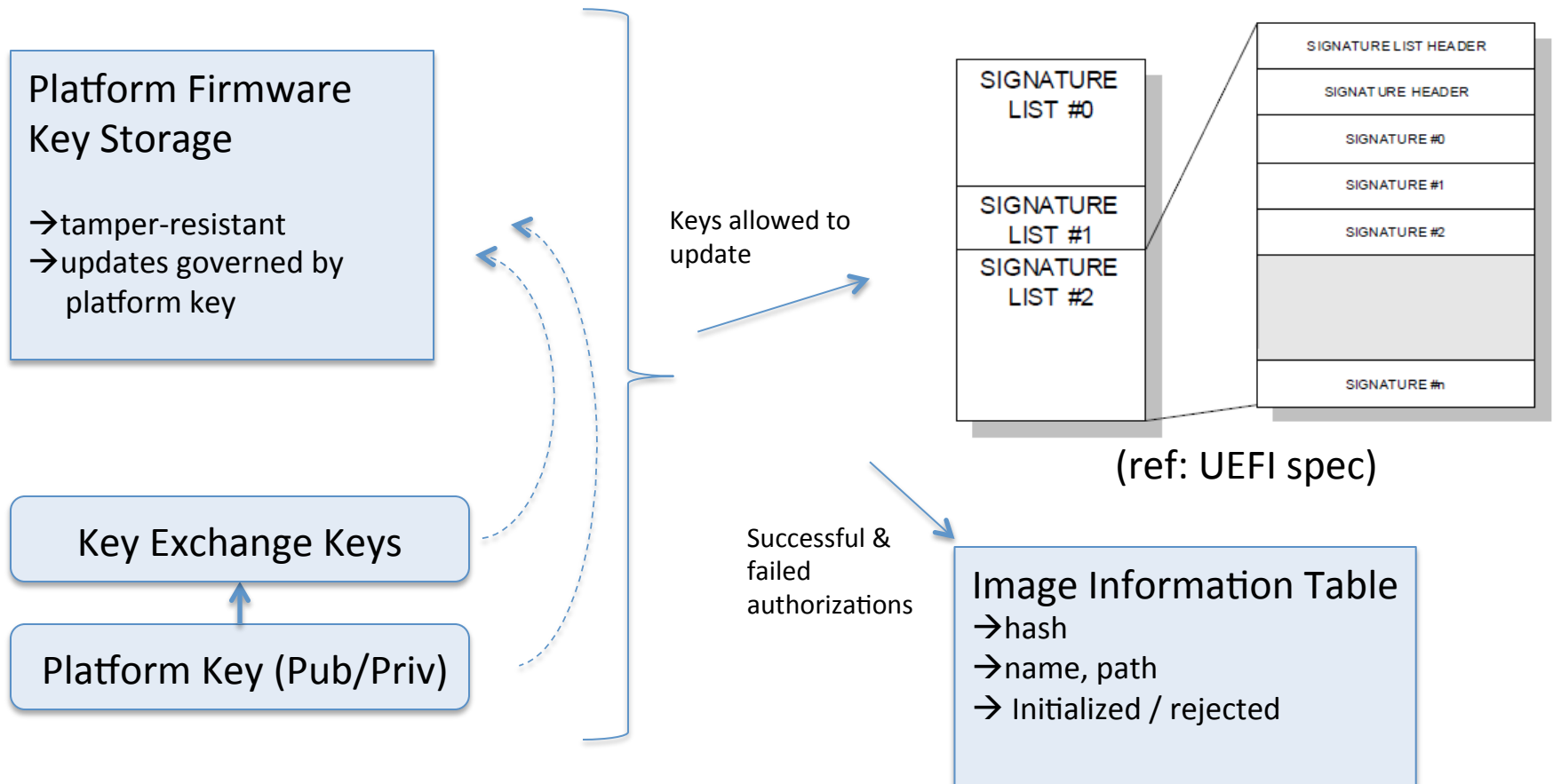
[Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Specification](#)
[Nyström et al: UEFI Networking and Pre-OS security \(2011\)](#)

UEFI – secure boot

Signature Database (s)

- tamper-resistant (rollback prevention)
- updates governed by keys

Key management for update



White list + Black list for database images

UEFI secure boot

- Thus far primarily used in PC platforms
 - Also applicable to mobile devices
- Can be used to limit user choice?
 - The specification defined user disabling
 - Policy vs. mechanism

Hardware-based Trust Roots for Mobile Devices

NIST

Guidelines on Hardware-Rooted Security in Mobile Devices (SP800-164, draft)

Required security components are

- a) **Roots of Trust (RoT)**
- b) an **application programming interface (API)** to expose the RoT to the platform

“RoTs are **preferably** implemented in hardware”

“the APIs **should** be standardized”

Roots of Trust (RoTs)

Root of Trust for Storage (RTS): repository and a protected interface to store and manage keying material

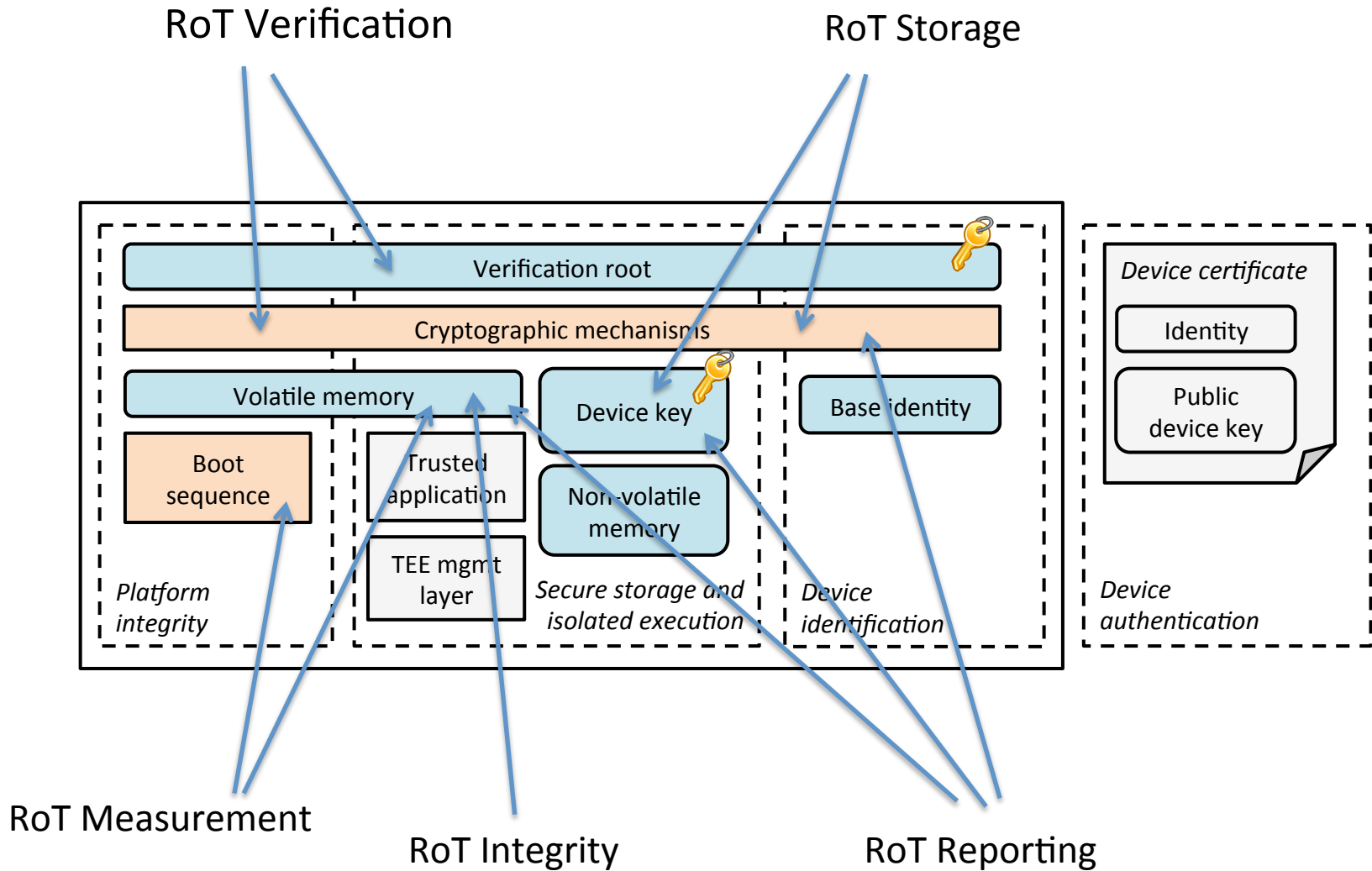
Root of Trust for Measurement (RTM): reliable measurements and assertions

Root of Trust for Verification (RTV): engine to verify digital signatures associated with software/firmware

Root of Trust for Integrity (RTI): run-time protected storage for measurements and assertions

Root of Trust for Reporting (RTR): environment to manage identities and sign assertions

Root of Trust mapping



Roots of Trust in Current Smartphones

Many existing smartphones support **secure boot** and **TrustZone TEE**

1. Secure boot → Root of Trust for **Verification**
2. Measuring in secure boot → Root of Trust for **Measurement**
3. Device key + code in TZ TEE → Root of Trust for **Reporting**
4. TEE secure memory → Root of Trust for **Integrity**
5. Device key + TEE → Most of Root of Trust for **Storage**.

No easy rollback protection!

Limited technical novelty... Basis for security level evaluation?

Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) specifications

GLOBAL PLATFORM

Global Platform (GP)

GP standards for smart card systems used many years

- Examples: payment, ticketing
- Card interaction and provisioning protocols
- Reader terminal architecture and certification

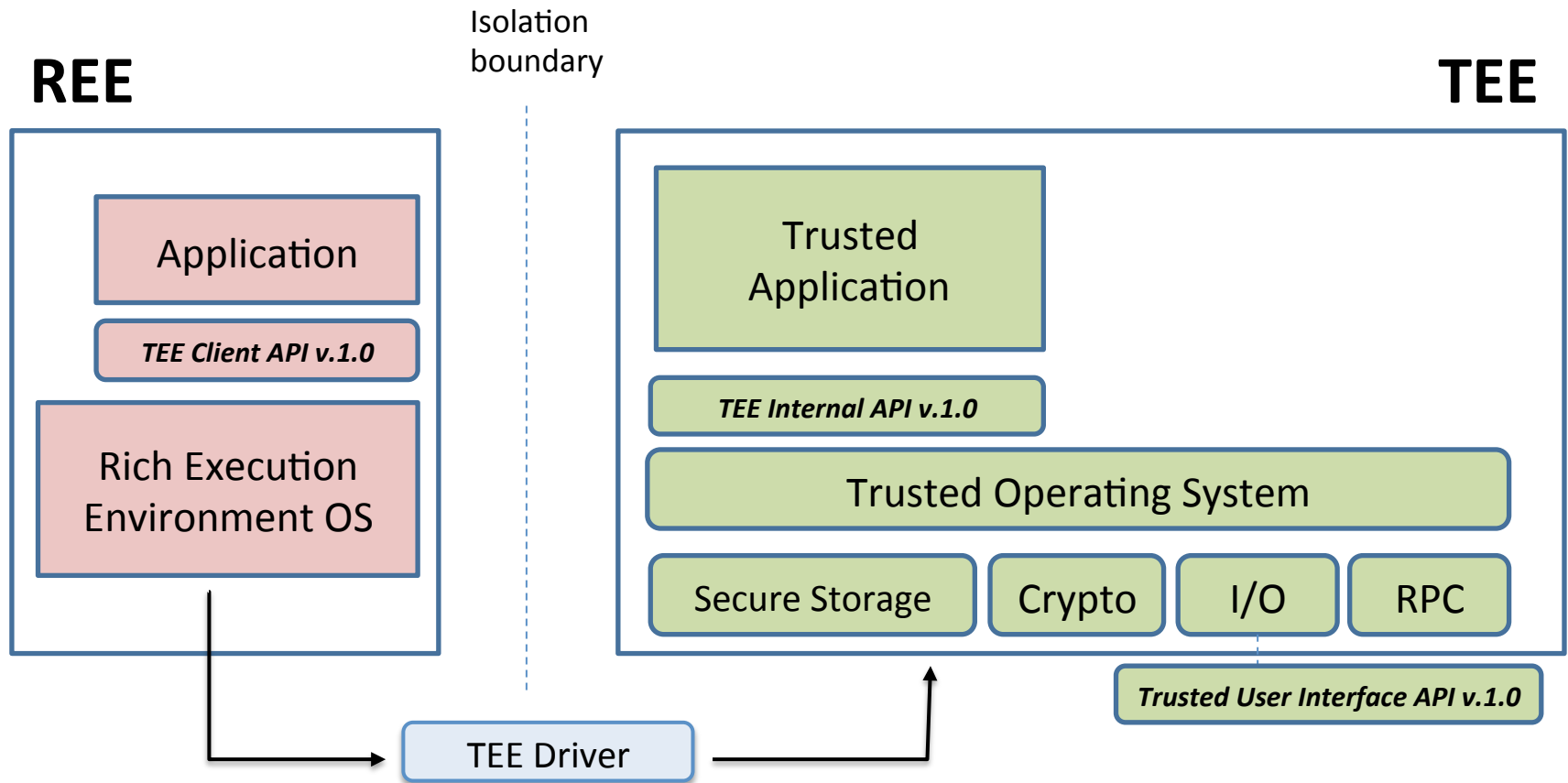
Recently GP has released standards for mobile TEEs

- Architecture and interfaces

<http://www.globalplatform.org/specificationsdevice.asp>

- TEE System Architecture
- TEE Client API Specification v.1.0
- TEE Internal API Specification v1.0
- Trusted User Interface API v 1.0

GP TEE System Architecture



TEE Client API example

```
// 1. initialize context
TEEC_InitializeContext(&context, ...);

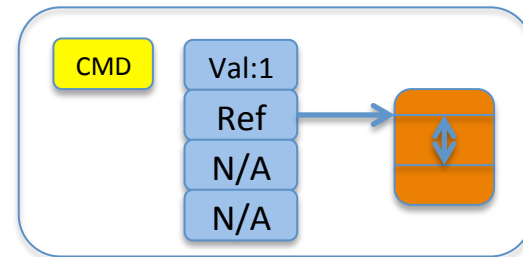
// 2. establish shared memory
sm.size = 20;
sm.flags = TEEC_MEM_INPUT | TEEC_MEM_OUTPUT;
TEEC_AllocateSharedMemory(&context, &sm);

// 3. open communication session
TEEC_OpenSession(&context, &session, ...);

// 4. setup parameters
operation.paramTypes = TEEC_PARAM_TYPES(TEEC_VALUE_INPUT, ...);
operation.params[0].value.a = 1; // First parameter by value
operation.params[1].memref.parent = &sm; // Second parameter by reference
operation.params[1].memref.offset = 0;
operation.params[1].memref.size = 20;

// 5. invoke command
result = TEEC_InvokeCommand(&session, CMD_ENCRYPT_INIT, &operation, NULL);
```

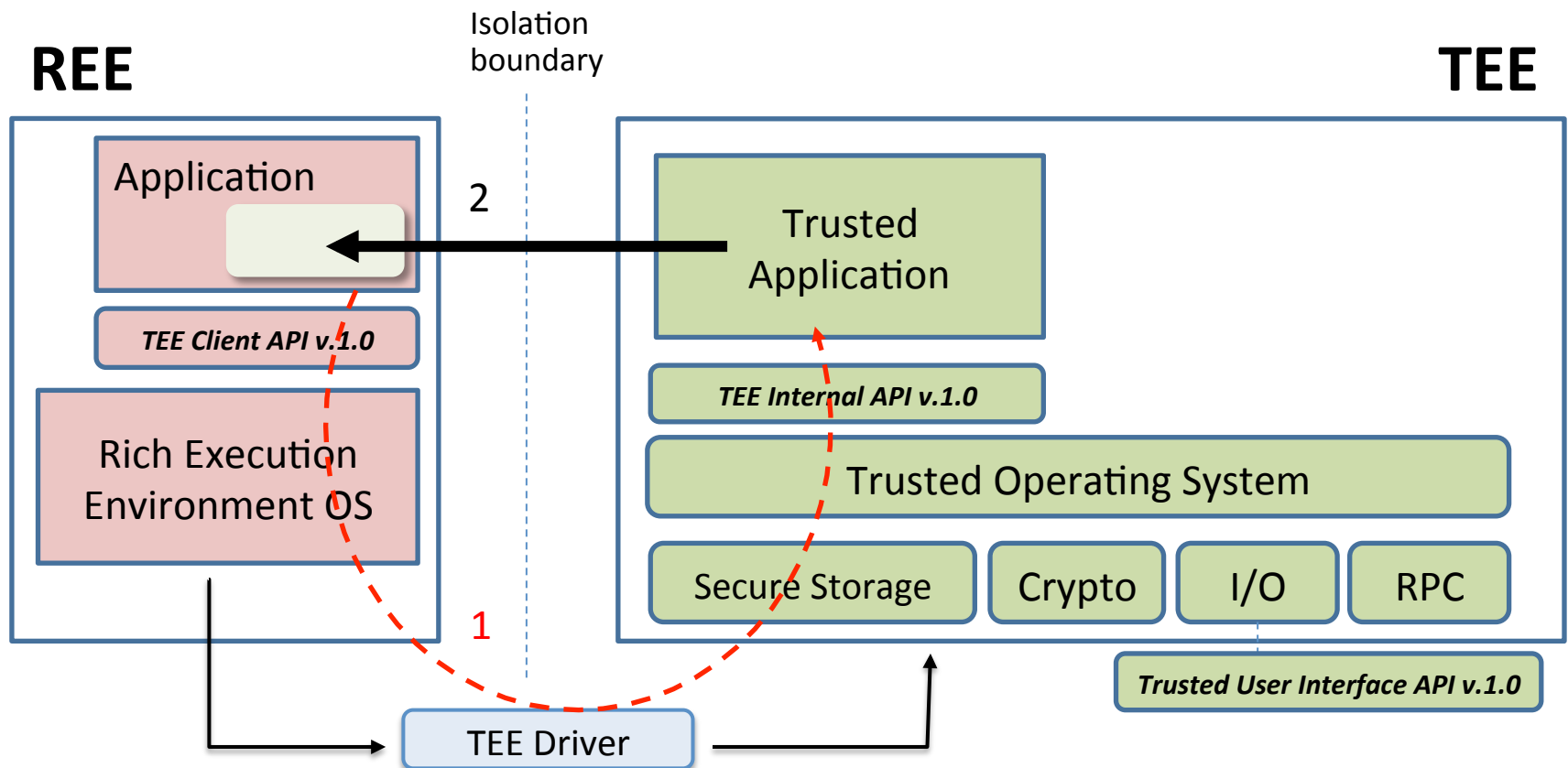
Parameters:



Interaction with Trusted Application

REE App provides a pointer to its memory for the Trusted App

- Example: Efficient in place encryption



TEE Internal API example

```
// each Trusted App must implement the following functions...

// constructor and destructor
TA_CreateEntryPoint();
TA_DestroyEntryPoint();

// new session handling
TA_OpenSessionEntryPoint(uint32_t param_types, TEE_Param params[4], void **session)
TA_CloseSessionEntryPoint (...)

// incoming command handling
TA_InvokeCommandEntryPoint(void *session, uint32_t cmd,
                           uint32_t param_types, TEE_Param params[4])
{
    switch(cmd)
    {
        case CMD_ENCRYPT_INIT:
            ....
    }
}
```

In Global Platform model Trusted Applications are command-driven

Storage and RPC (TEE internal API)

Secure storage: Trusted App can persistently store memory and objects

```
TEE_CreatePersistentObject(TEE_STORAGE_PRIVATE, flags, ..., handle)

TEE_ReadObjectData(handle, buffer, size, count);
TEE_WriteObjectData(handle, buffer, size);
TEE_SeekObjectData(handle, offset, ref);
TEE_TruncateObjectData(handle, size);
```

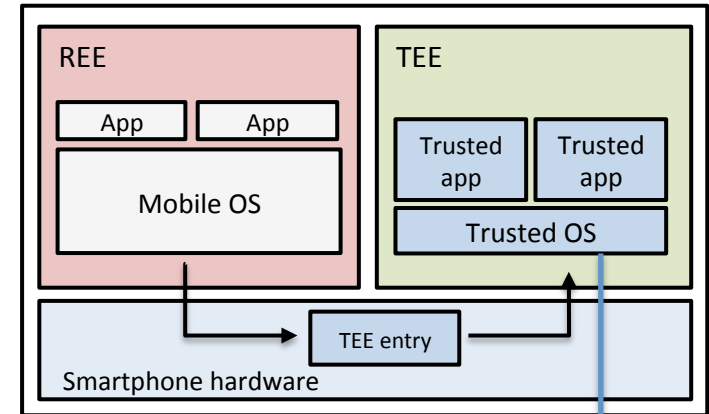
RPC: Communication with other TAs

```
TEE_OpenTASession(TEE_UUID* destination, ..., paramTypes, params[4], &session);
TEE_InvokeTACommand(session, ..., commandId, paramTypes, params[4]);
```

Also APIs for **crypto**, **time**, and **arithmetic** operations...

Trusted User Interface API

- Trustworthy user interaction needed
 - Provisioning
 - User authentication
 - Transaction confirmation
- Trusted User Interface API 1.0:
 - TEE_TUIDisplayScreen



Label

PIN

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1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
cancel	0	validate

Security Indicator

Label

login

mylogin < correction

password

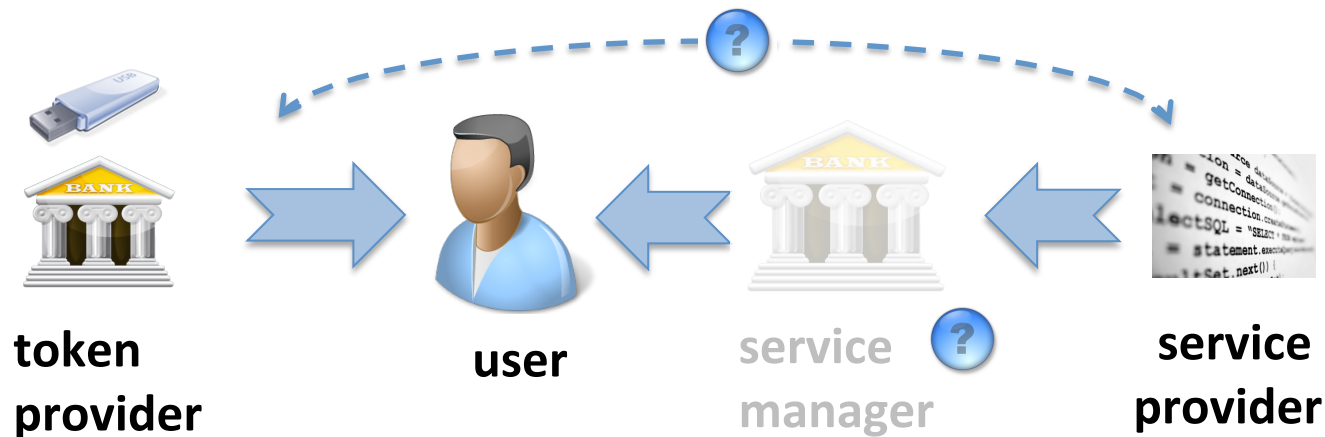
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Virtual Keyboard

cancel validate

Security Indicator

Global Platform User-centric provisioning



GP device committee is working on a TEE provisioning specification

[User-centric provisioning white paper](#)

GP standards summary

- Specifications provide sufficient basis for TA development
- Issues
 - Application installation (provisioning) model not yet defined
 - Access to TEE typically controlled by the manufacturer
- Open TEE
 - Virtual TEE platform for prototyping and testing
 - Implements GP TEE interfaces
 - <https://github.com/Open-TEE>

TPM 2.0 (Mobile)

TRUSTED COMPUTING GROUP

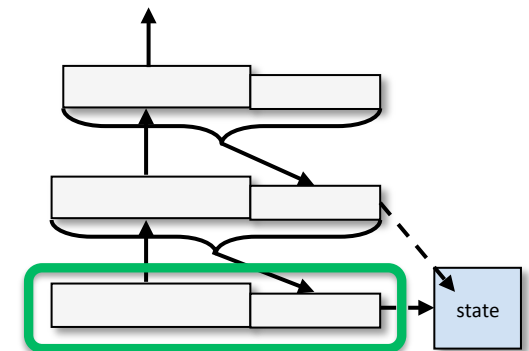
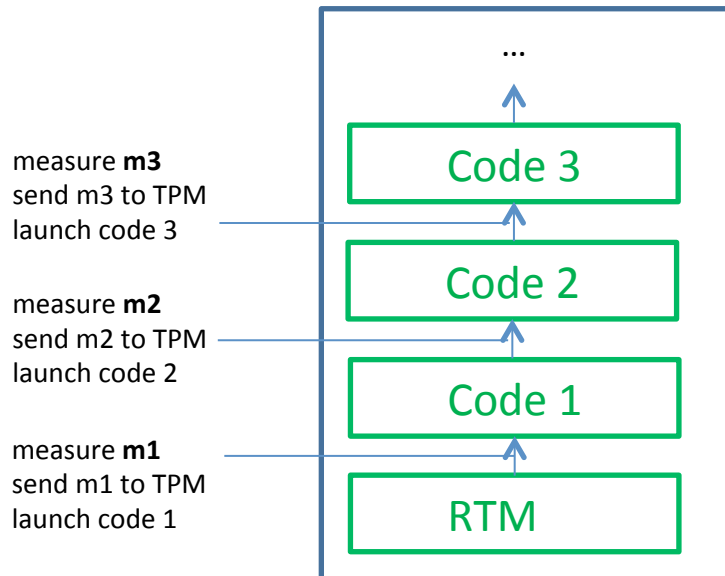
Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

- Collects state information about a system
 - separate from system on which it reports
- For remote parties
 - **Remote attestation** in well-defined manner
 - **Authorization** for functionality provided by the TPM
- Locally
 - **Key generation** and **key use** with TPM-resident keys
 - **Sealing**: Secure **binding** with **non-volatile storage**
 - **Engine** for cryptographic operations



Platform Configuration Registers (PCRs)

- Integrity-protected registers
 - in volatile memory
 - represent current system configuration
- Store aggregated platform "state" measurement
 - Requires a root of trust for measurement (RTM)



Authenticated boot

$$H_{\text{new}} = H(\text{new} \mid H_{\text{old}})$$

$$H_0 = 0$$

$$H_3 = H(m3 \mid H(m2 \mid H(0 \mid m1)))$$

Use of platform measurements (1/2)

Remote attestation

- verifier sends a challenge
- attestation is $\text{SIG}_{\text{AIK}}(\text{challenge}, \text{PCRvalue})$
- AIK is a unique key specific to that TPM (“Attestation Identity Key”)
- attests to current system configuration

Use of platform measurements (2/2)

Sealing

- bind secret data to a specific configuration
- create RSA key pair PK/SK when PCR_x value is Y
- Bind private key: $Enc_{SRK}(SK, PCR_x=Y)$
 - SRK is known only to the TPM
 - “Storage Root Key”
- TPM will “unseal” key **only** if PCR_x value is Y
 - Y is the “reference value”

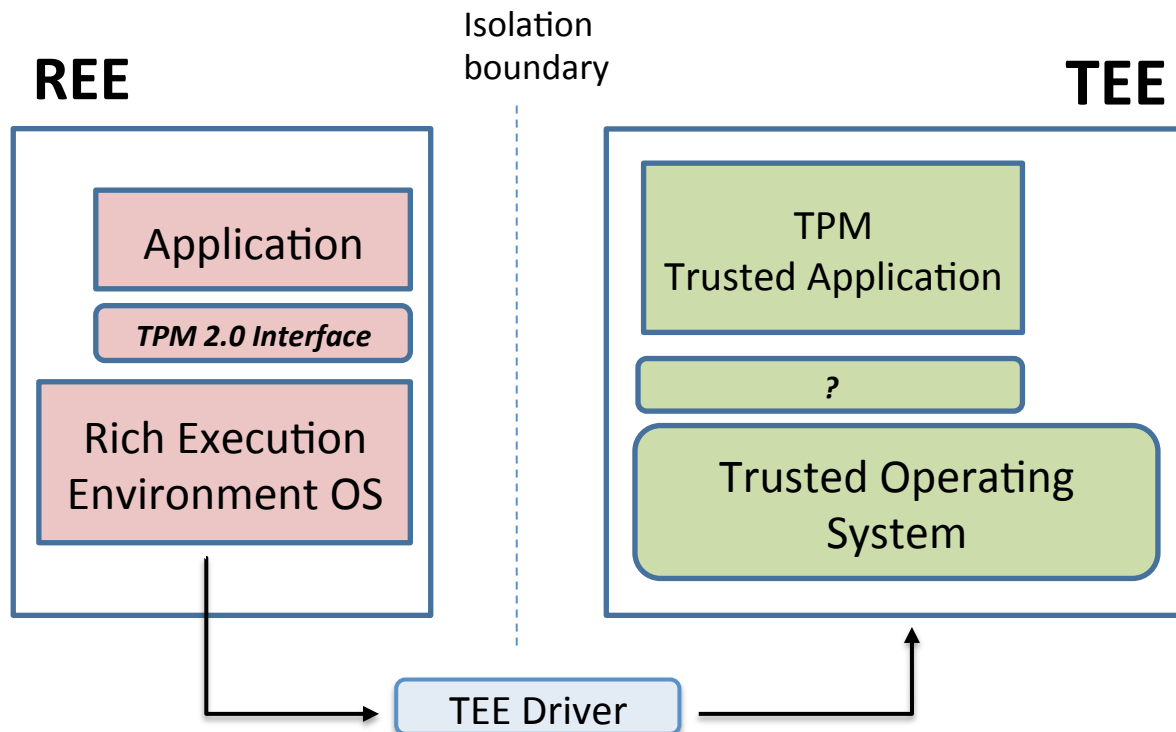
TPM 2.0

- Recent specification, in public review
 - Algorithm agility
 - New authorization model
 - “Library specification”
 - Defines interface, not physical security chip
 - Intended for various devices (not only PCs)
- Our focus
 - TPM 2.0 relation to mobile devices
 - Authorization model (secure boot)

TPM 2.0 Mobile Reference Architecture

“Protected Environment”

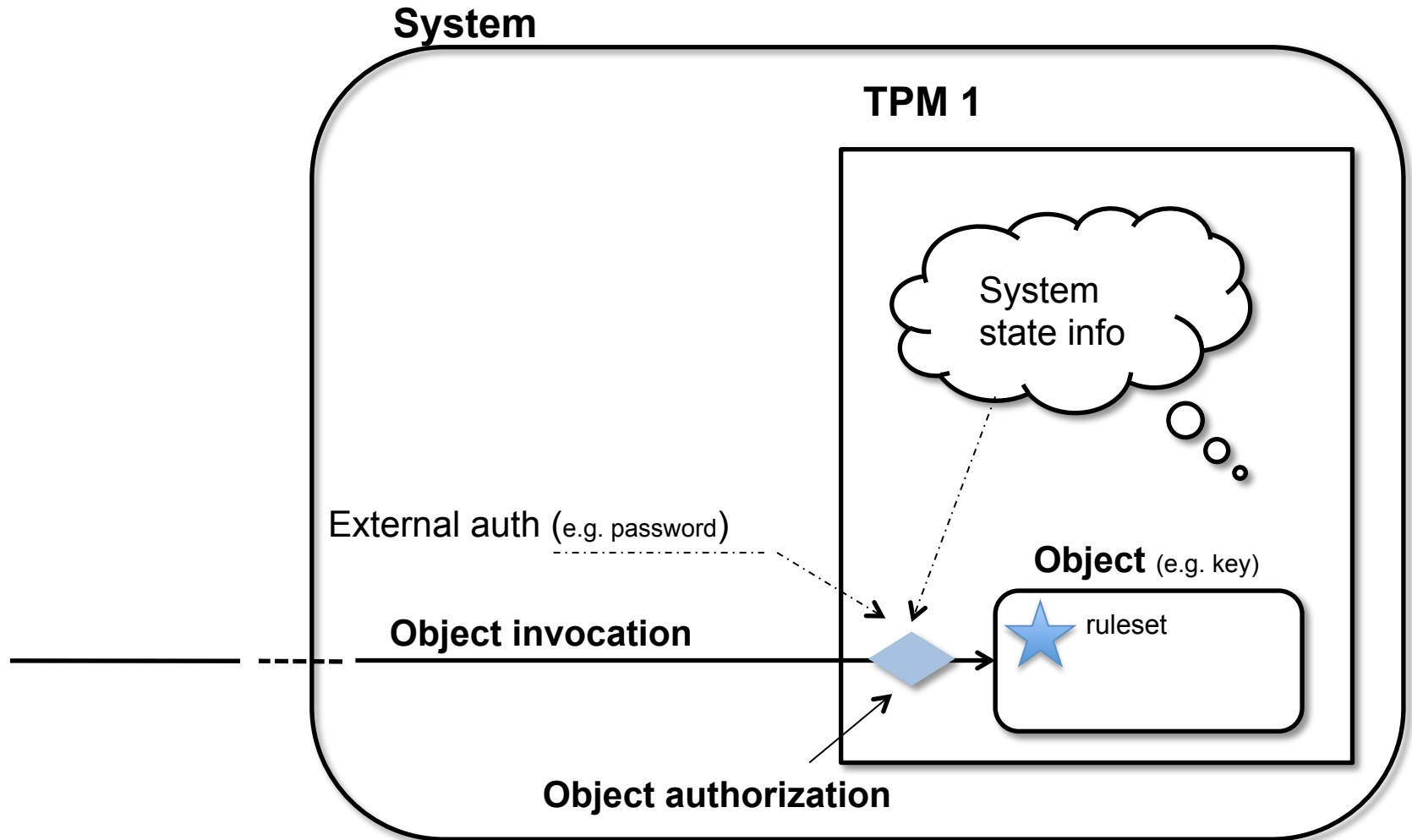
- “the device SHALL implement Secure Boot”
- “the Protected Environment SHALL provide isolated execution”



TPM 2.0 on Mobile Devices

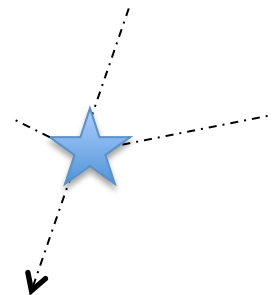
- Trusted application on TrustZone TEE likely
- Other alternatives
 - Embedded secure element (smart card)
 - Removable secure element (microSD card)
 - Virtualization

Authorization (policy) in TPM version 1

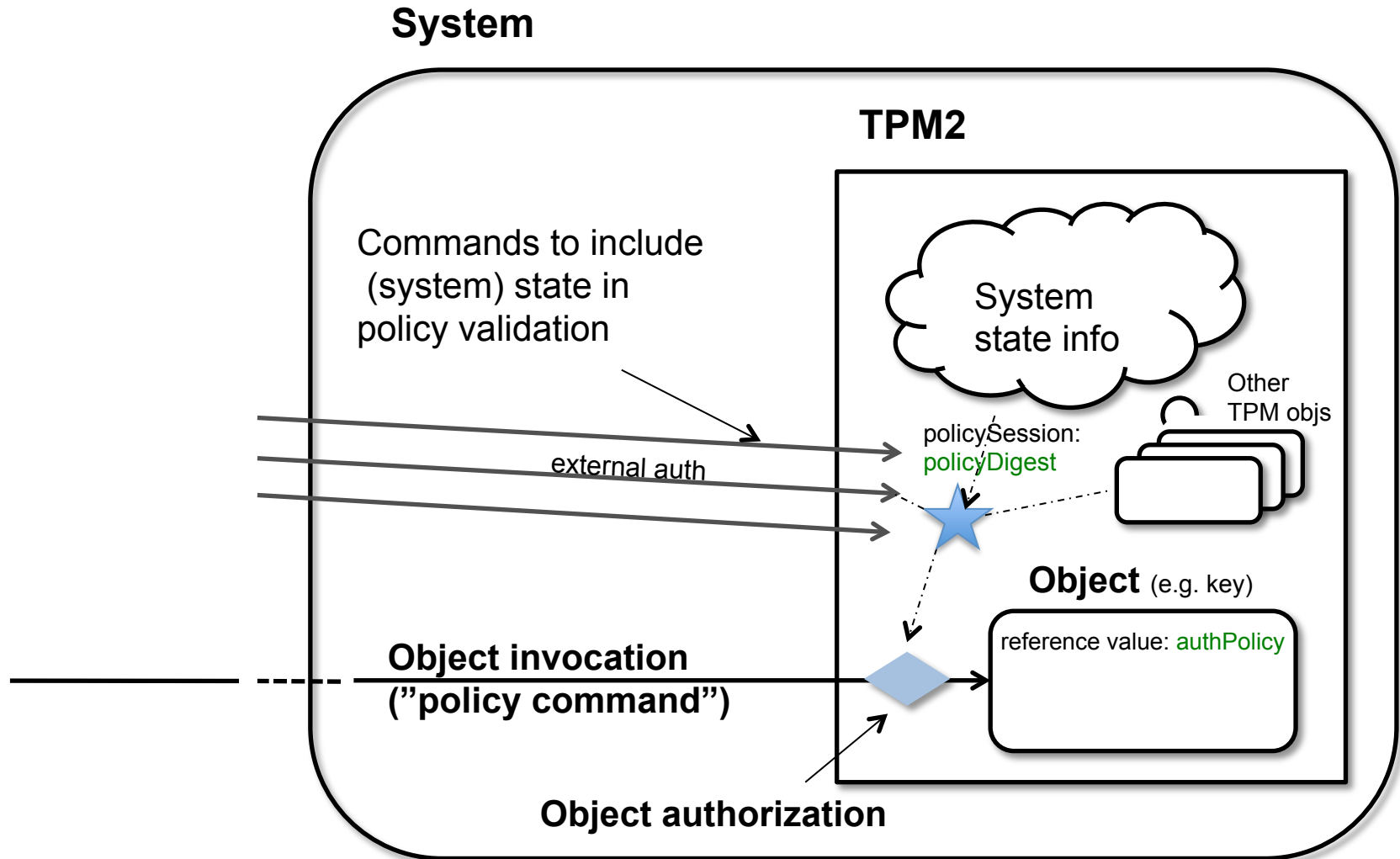


TPM2 Policy Session

- ◀ More expressive policy definition model
- ◀ Various policy preconditions
- ◀ Logical operations (AND, OR)
- ◀ A policy session accumulates all authorization information



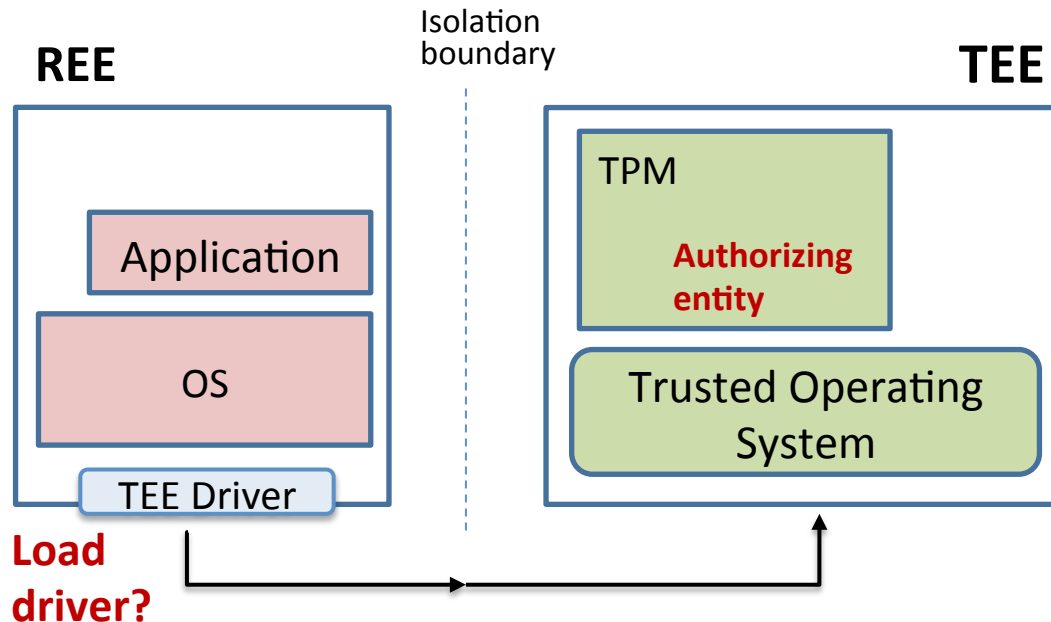
Authorization (policy) in TPM2



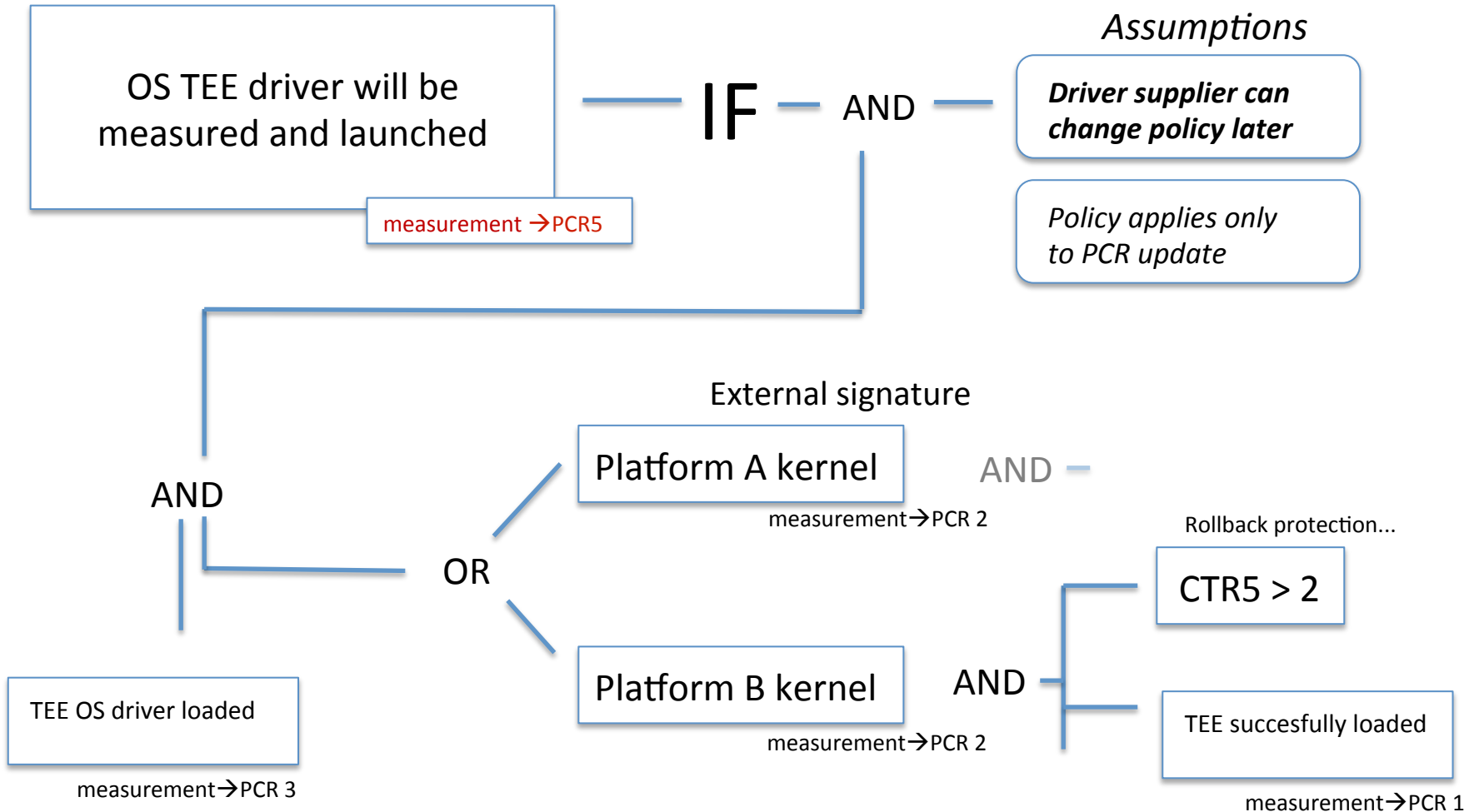
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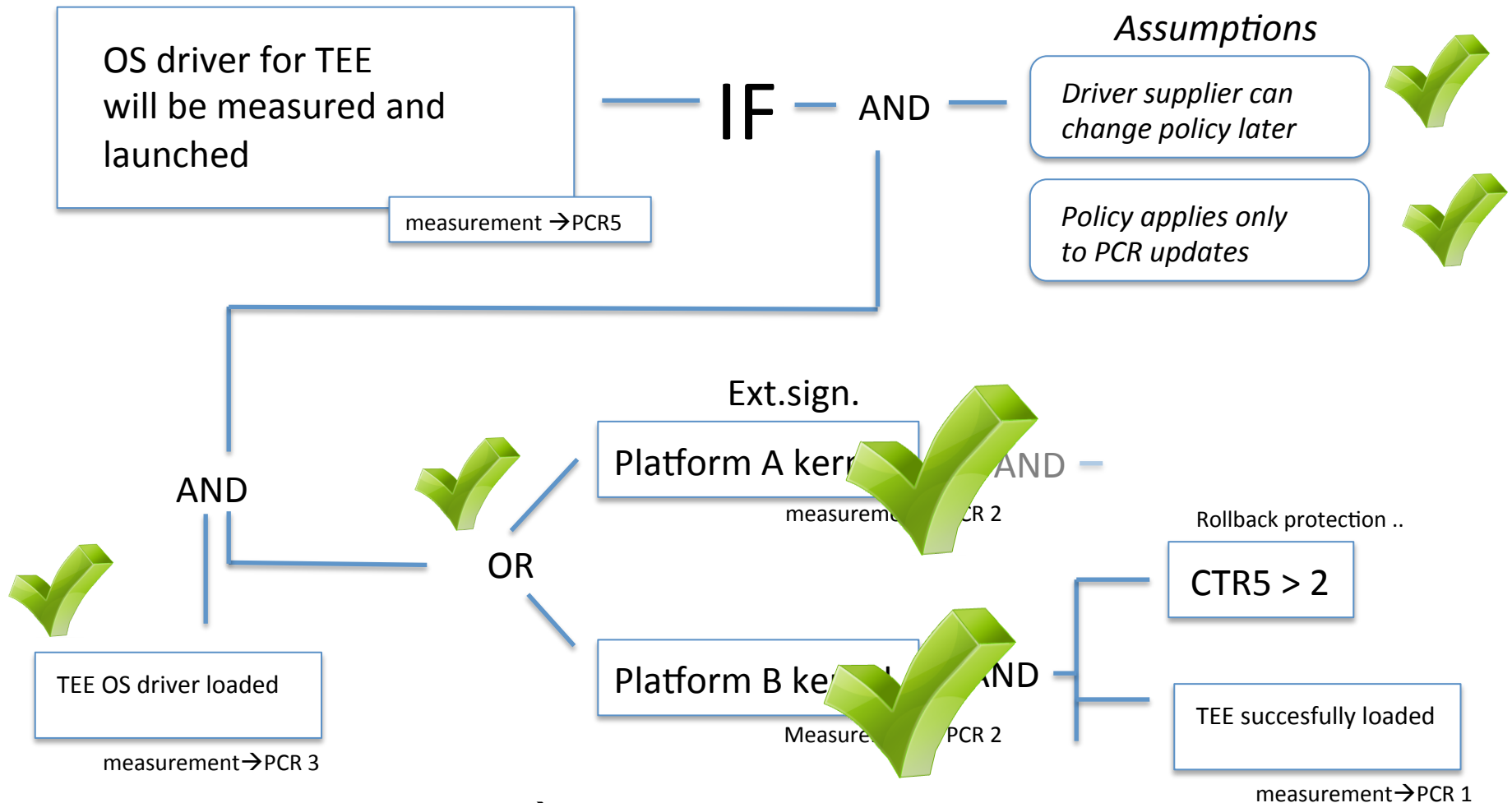
Authorization policy conditional to correct execution of previous steps



Advanced Boot Policy



Advanced Boot Policy



$\text{PolicyPCR}(2, H(\dots)) \rightarrow V1 \rightarrow$
 $\text{PolicyPCR}(2, H(\dots)) \rightarrow V2 \rightarrow$
 $\text{PolicyOr}(\{V1, V2\}) \rightarrow W \rightarrow \text{PolicyPCR}(3, \text{meas.}) \rightarrow Z$
 $Z \rightarrow \text{PolicyCommandCode}(\text{PCRExtend}) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{PolicyAuthorize}(\text{Sig}_A(Y)) \rightarrow X$
{Check: Eventual command == PCRExtend}

Standards summary

- Global Platform Mobile TEE specifications
 - Sufficient foundation to build trusted apps for mobile devices
 - More open developer access still needed
- TPM 2.0 library specification
 - TEE interface for various devices (also Mobile Architecture)
- Mobile deployments can combine UEFI, NIST, GP and TCG standards

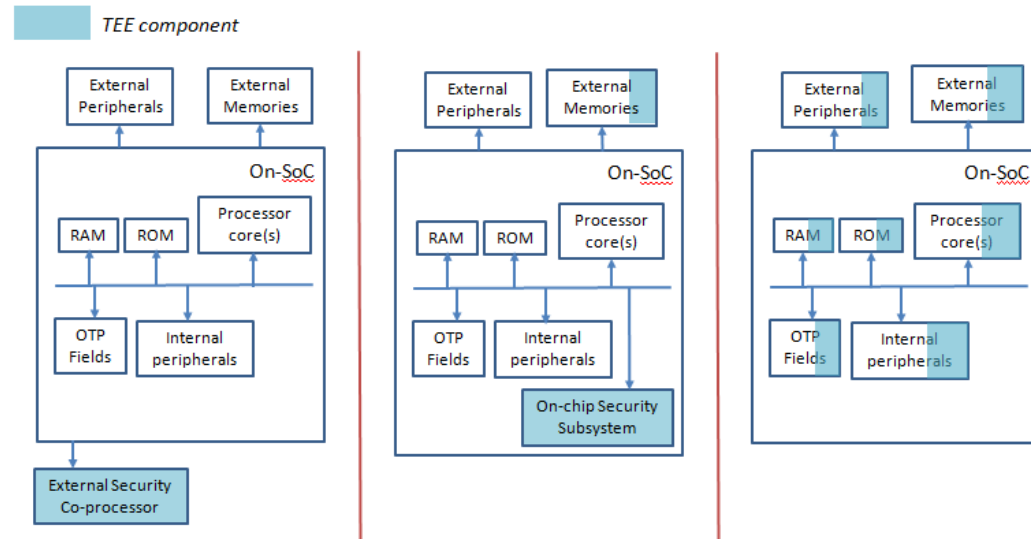
Challenges ahead and summary

A LOOK AHEAD

Open issues and research directions

1. Novel mobile TEE architectures
2. Issues of more open deployment
3. Trustworthy TEE user interaction
4. Hardware security and user privacy

Novel mobile TEE architectures



- Multiple cores
- Low-cost alternatives

TEE architectures for multi-core

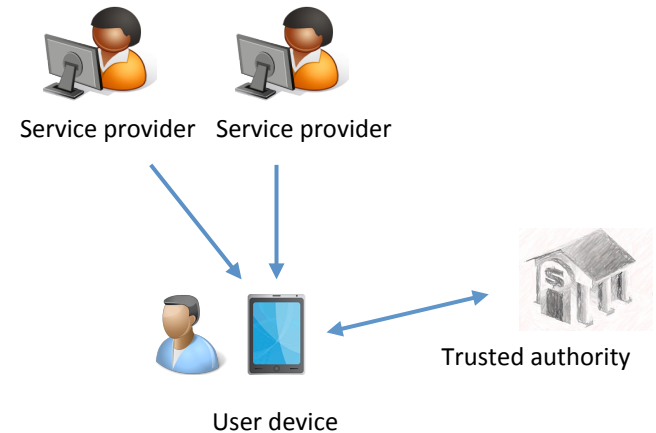
- Issues to resolve
 - When one core enters TEE mode, what others do?
 - Possible to have separate TEEs for each core?
- SICE
 - Architecture for x86 that assigns **one or more cores for each TEE**
 - Other cores can run REE simultaneously
 - Leverages System Management Mode (SMM)
 - [Azab et al. SICE: A Hardware-Level Strongly Isolated Computing Environment for x86 Multi-core Platforms. CCS'11.](#)

Low-cost mobile TEE architectures

- Can mobile TEEs made cheaper?
 - Low-end phones and embedded mobile devices
- TrustLite
 - Execution aware memory protection
 - Modified CPU exception engine for interrupt handling
 - [Koeberl et al. TrustLite: A Security Architecture for Tiny Embedded Devices. EuroSys'14.](#)
- SMART
 - Remote attestation and isolated execution at minimal hardware cost
 - Custom access control enforcement on memory bus
 - [Defrawy et al. SMART: Secure and Minimal Architecture for \(Establishing Dynamic\) Root of Trust. NDSS'12.](#)

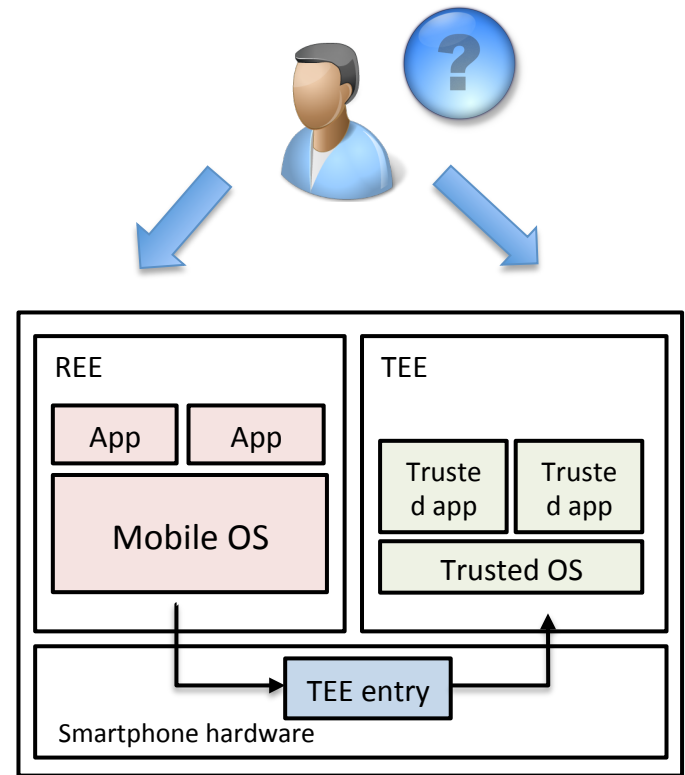
Issues of open deployment

- Certification and liability issues?
 - Especially application domains like payments
- Credential lifecycle management
 - Device migration becomes more challenging in open/distributed model
 - Hybrid approach: open provisioning and centralized entity that assists in migration
 - [Kostiainen et al. Towards User-Friendly Credential Transfer on Open Credential Platforms. ACNS'11.](#)



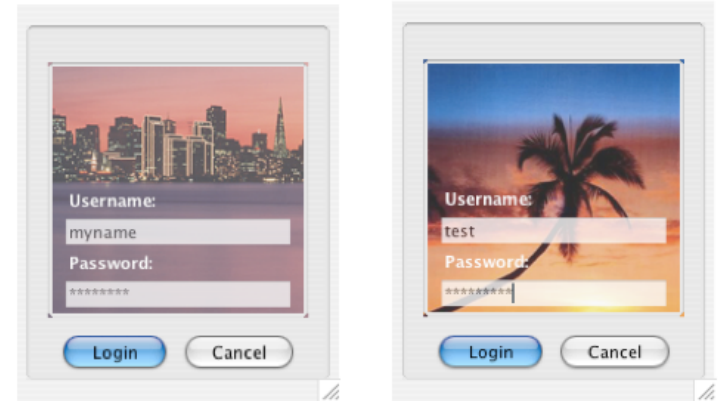
Trustworthy user interaction

- Trustworthy user interaction needed for many use cases
 - Provisioning
 - User authentication
 - Transaction confirmation
- Technical implementation possible
 - TrustZone supports needed interrupt handling
- But how does the user know?
 - Am I interacting with REE or TEE?



Trustworthy user interaction

- Personalized security indicator
 - Example: a figure chosen by the user
 - Protected by the TEE secure storage



[Dhamija and Tygar. The Battle Against Phishing: Dynamic Security Skins. SOUPS'05.](#)

- Secure attention sequence (SAS)
 - Control-Alt-Del in Windows
 - Example: double click smartphone home button to start TEE interaction

Trustworthy user interaction

- Do security indicators work?
 - Previous studies show that people tend to ignore indicators
 - [Schechter et al. The Emperor's New Security Indicators. S&P'07.](#)
 - Recent studies show that warnings can be effective (in some cases)
 - [Akhawe et al. Alice in Warningland: A Large-Scale Field Study of Browser Security Warning Effectiveness. Usenix Security 2013.](#)
- No existing studies for smartphones
- Applications where user interaction not needed
 - Location verification for payments
 - [Marforio et al. Smartphones as Practical and Secure Location Verification Tokens for Payments. NDSS'14.](#)

Hardware security and user privacy?

- Secure boot **can** be used to limit user choice
 - Common issue of mechanism vs. policy
- Allows new opportunities for attackers
 - Vulnerabilities in TEE implementation → rootkits
 - [Thomas Roth. Next Generation rootkits. Hack in Paris 2013.](#)

Summary

- Hardware-based TEEs are widely deployed on mobile devices
 - But access to application developers has been limited
- TEE functionality and interfaces are being standardized
 - Might help developer access
 - Global Platform TEE architecture
 - TPM 2.0 Mobile Architecture
- Better developer access still needed
- Open research problems remain

Additional slides

TPM 2.0 Authorization model

TPM2 Policy Session Contents

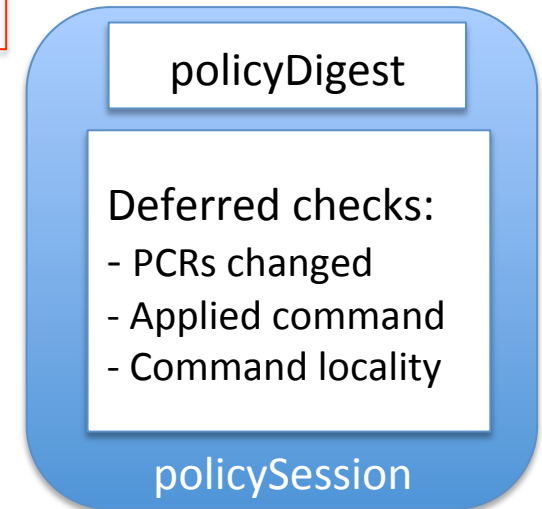
- Contains accumulated session policy value: **policyDigest**

**newDigestValue := H(oldDigestValue ||
commandCode || state_info)**

- Some policy commands reset the value

IF condition THEN

**newDigestValue := H(0 || commandCode
|| state:info)**



- Can contain optional assertions for **deferred policy checks** to be made at object access time.

TPM2 Policy Command Examples

- ◀ **TPM2_PolicyPCR:** Include PCR values in the authorization

update *policyDigest* with [*pcr index*, *pcr value*]

newDigest := H(oldDigest || TPM_CC_PolicyPCR || pcrs || digestTPM)

- ◀ **TPM2_PolicyNV:** Include a reference value and operation (<, >, eq) for non-volatile memory area

e.g., if *counter5* > 2 then

update *policyDigest* with [*ref*, *op*, *mem.area*]

newDigest := H(oldDigest || TPM_CC_PolicyNV || args || nvIndex->Name)

TPM2 Deferred Policy Example

- ◀ **TPM2_PolicyCommandCode:** Include the command code for later "object invocation" operation:

update *policyDigest* with [*command code*]

newDigest := H(oldDigest || TPM_CC_PolicyCommandCode || code)

additionally save *policySession->commandCode* := *command code*

policySession->commandCode checked at the time of object invocation!

Policy disjunction

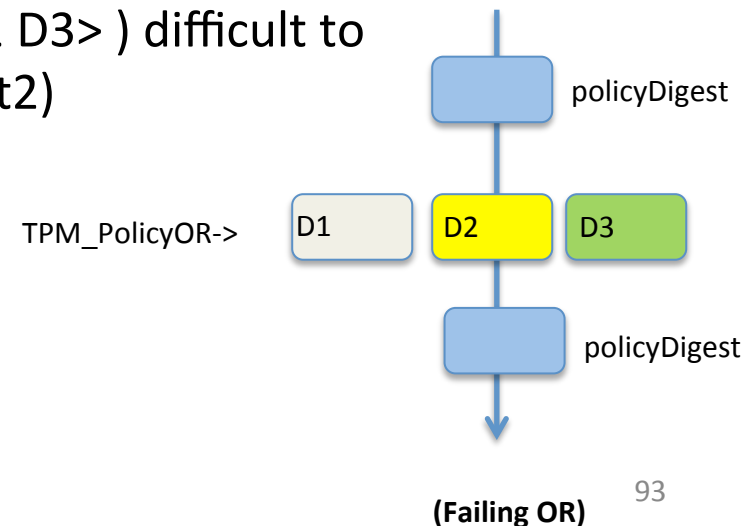
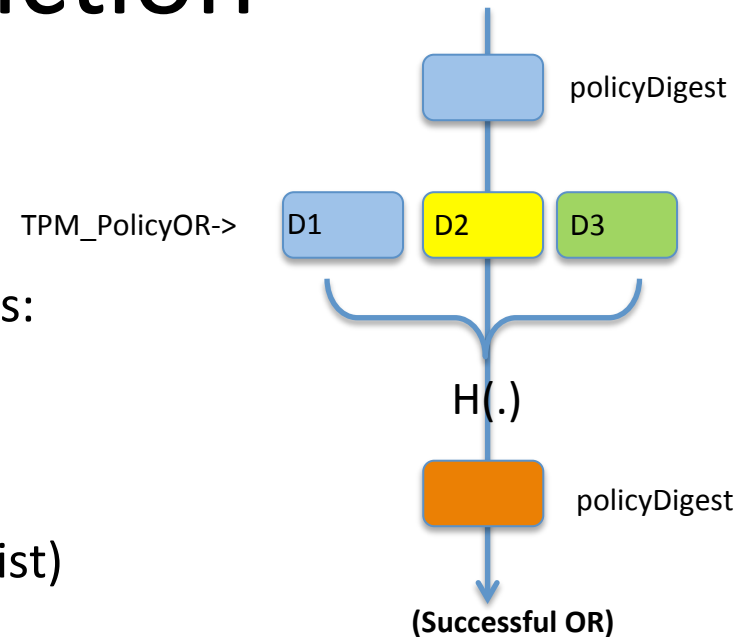
TPM2_PolicyOR: Authorize one of several options:

Input: *List* of digest values $\langle D1, D2, D3, .. \rangle$

IF *policySession*->*policyDigest* in *List* **THEN**

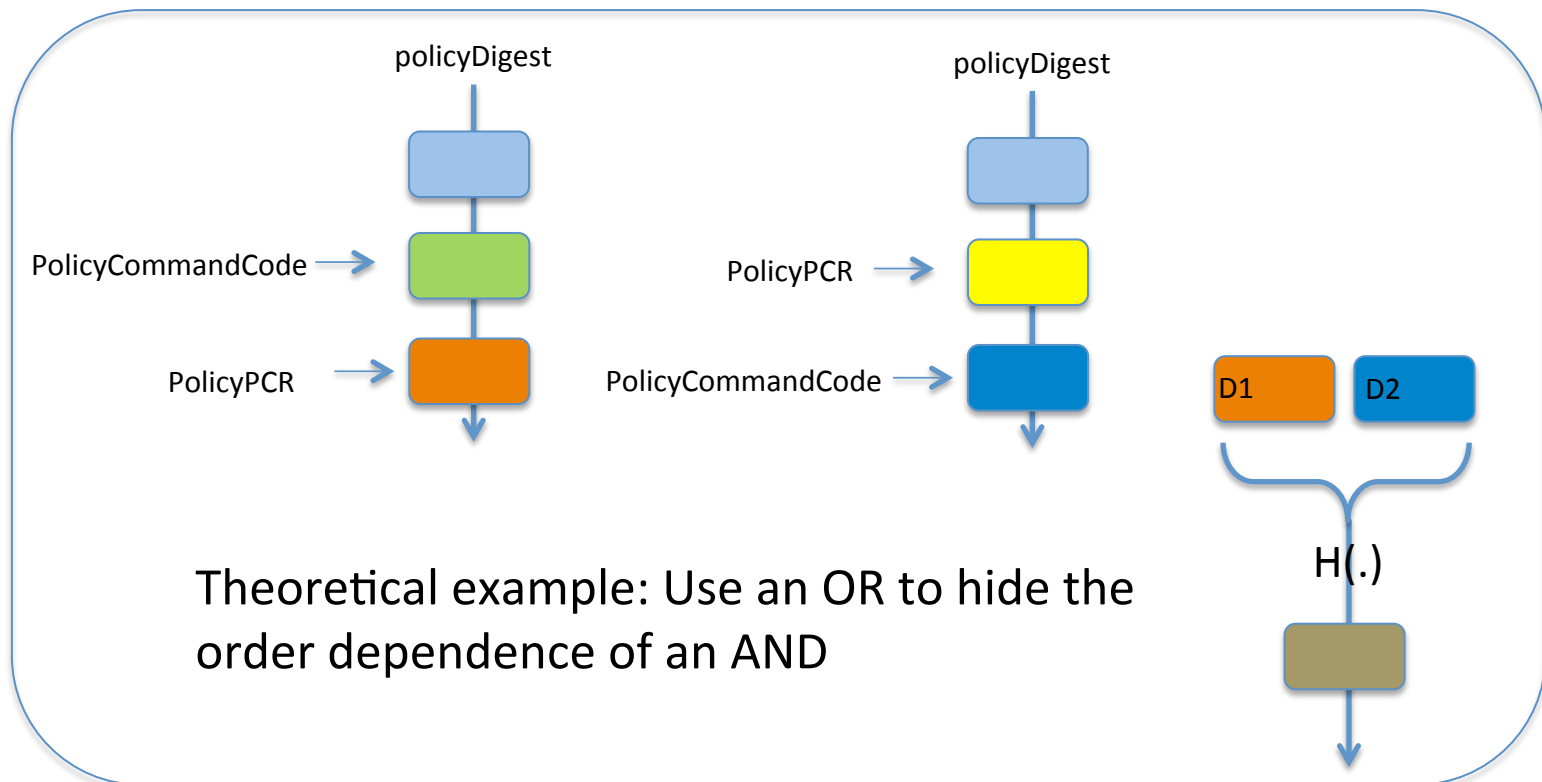
$\text{newDigest} := H(0 \parallel \text{TPM2_CC_PolicyOR} \parallel \text{List})$

Reasoning: For a wrong digest D_x (not in $\langle D1 D2 D3 \rangle$) difficult to find $\text{List2} = \langle D_x D_y, D_z, .. \rangle$ where $H(\text{List}) == H(\text{List2})$



Policy conjunction

- < No explicit AND command
- < AND achieved by consecutive authorization commands → order dependence

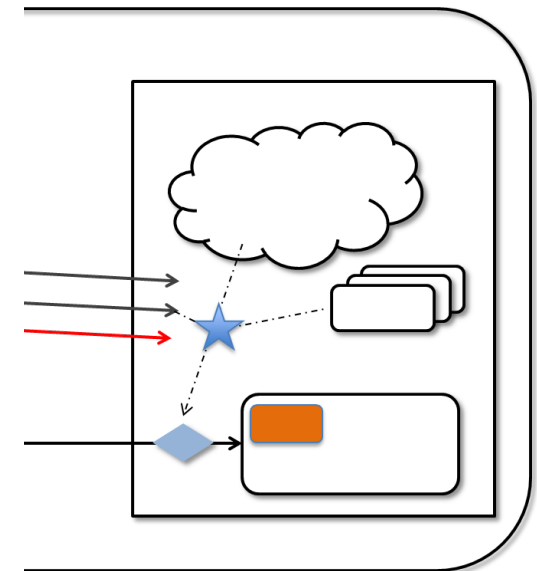
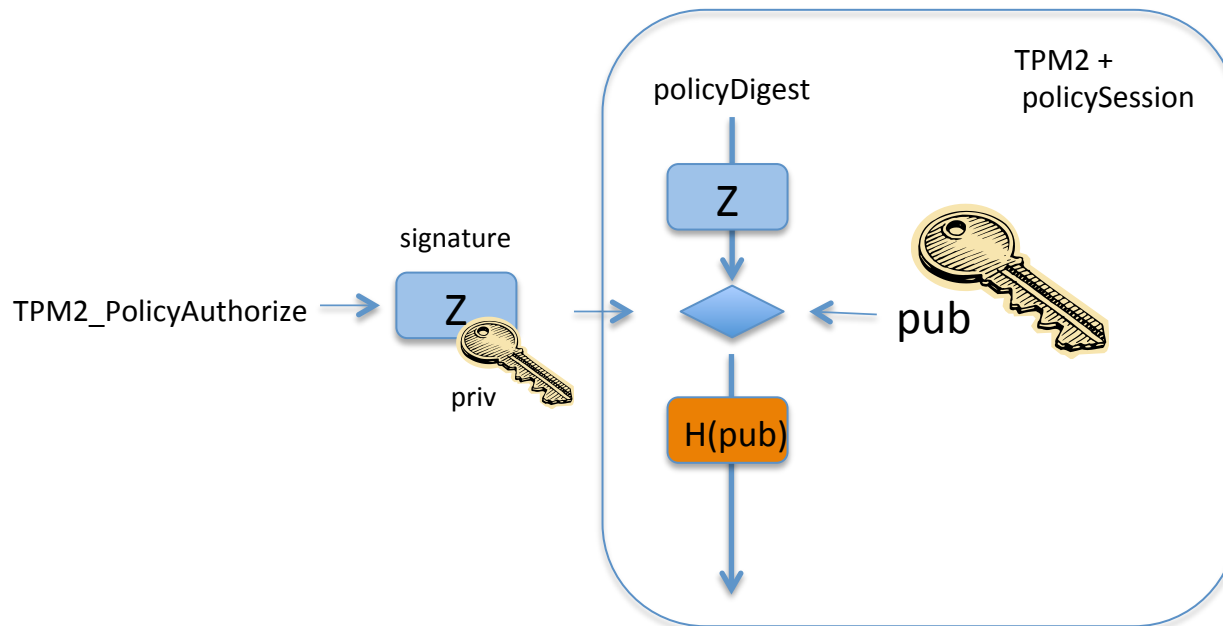


External Authorization

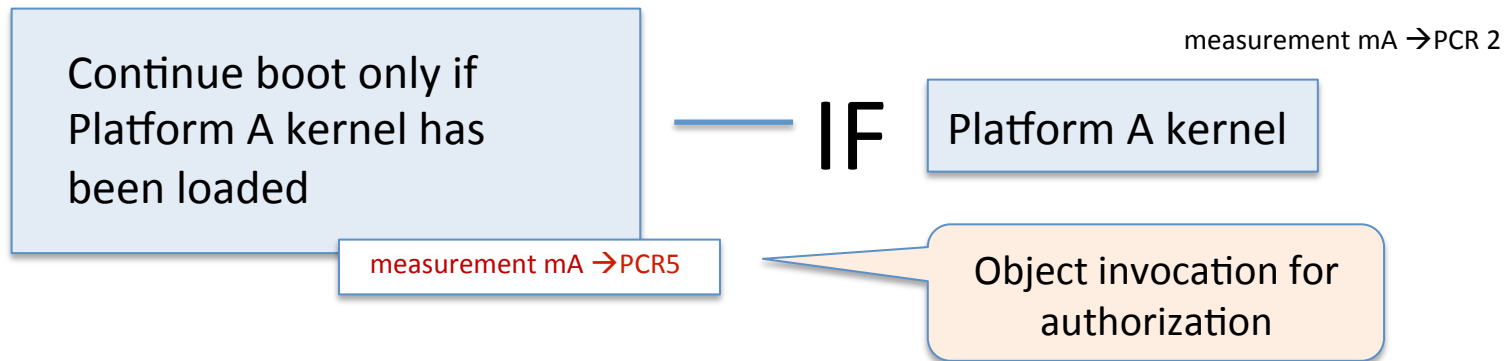
TPM2_PolicyAuthorize: Validate a signature on a policyDigest:

IF signature validates **AND** *policySession*->*policyDigest* in *signed content*
THEN

$\text{newDigest} := H(0 \parallel \text{TPM2_CC_PolicyAuthorize} \parallel H(\text{pub}) \parallel \dots)$



Example policy: Simple Secure Boot



- Suppose PCR 2 has value mA when Platform A kernel loaded
- Sequence of commands to ensure secure boot
 - $V1 \leftarrow \text{PolicyPCR}(2, \text{mA})$
 - $V2 \leftarrow \text{PolicyCommandCode}(\text{PCRExtend})$
→ **$\text{PCRExtend}(5, \text{mA})$**
- authPolicy for PCR 5 is V2
 - $V1 = h(0 \parallel \text{PolicyPCR} \parallel 2 \parallel \text{mA})$
 - $V2 = h(V1 \parallel \text{PolicyCommandCode} \parallel \text{PCR_Extend})$

NOTE: We drop "TPM2_" and "TPM_" prefixes for simplicity...

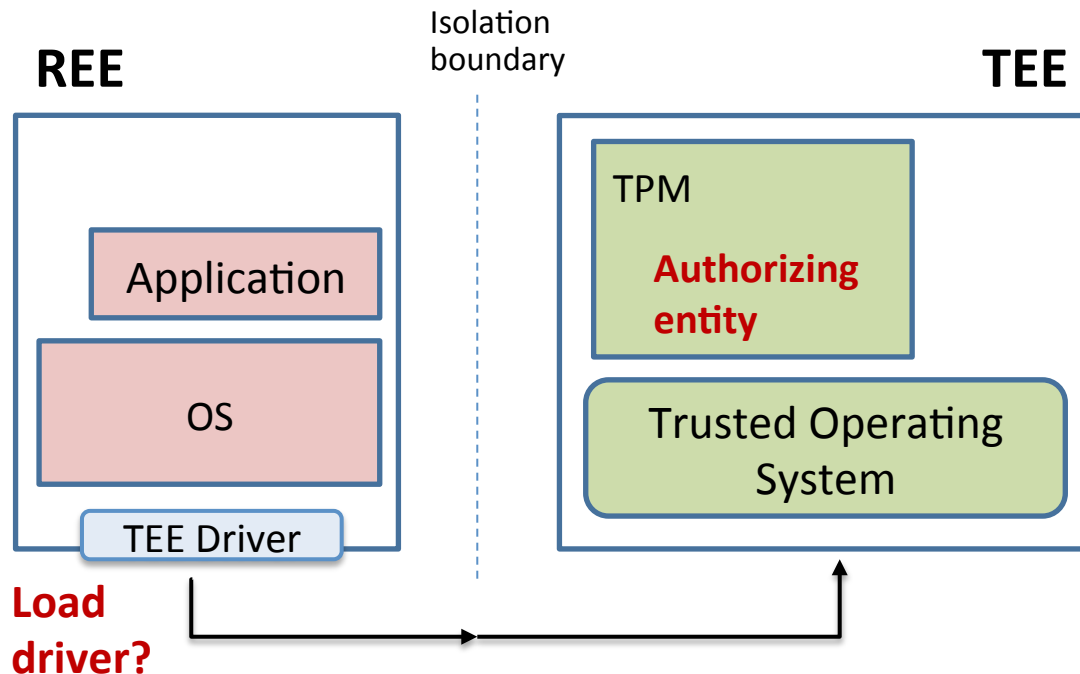
Simple secure boot not always enough

Secure boot **can** have the following properties

- A) Extend to start up of applications
- B) Include platform-dependent policy
- C) Include optional or complementary boot branches
- D) Order in which components are booted may matter

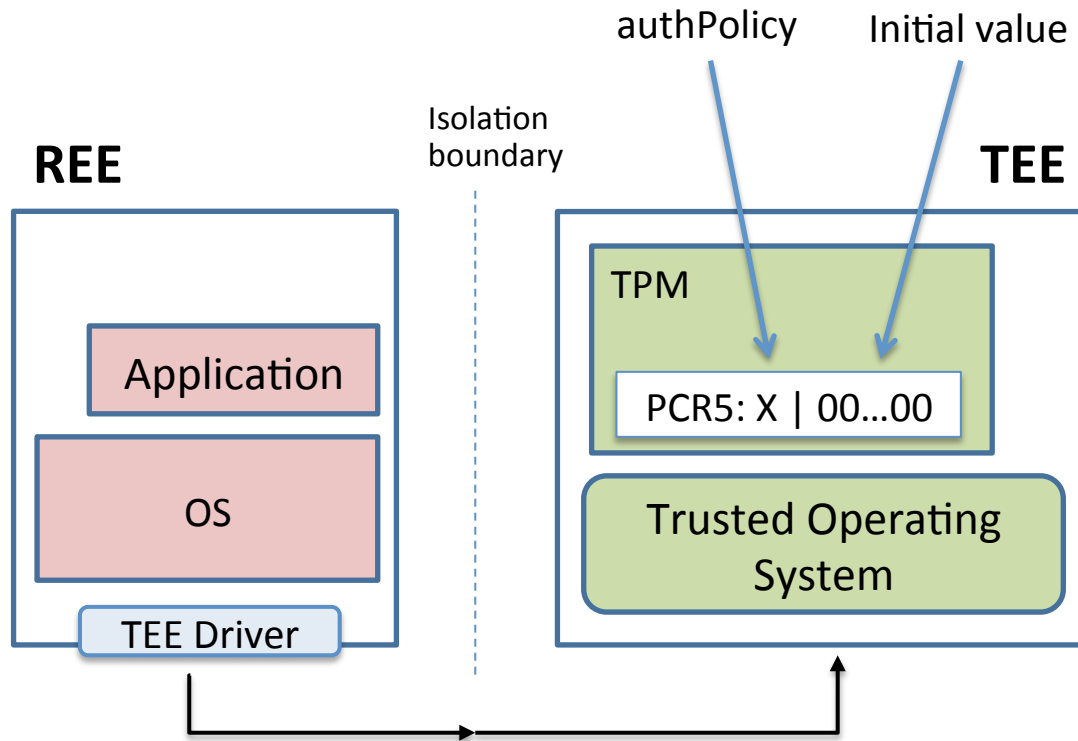
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 - *Conditional to previous steps*

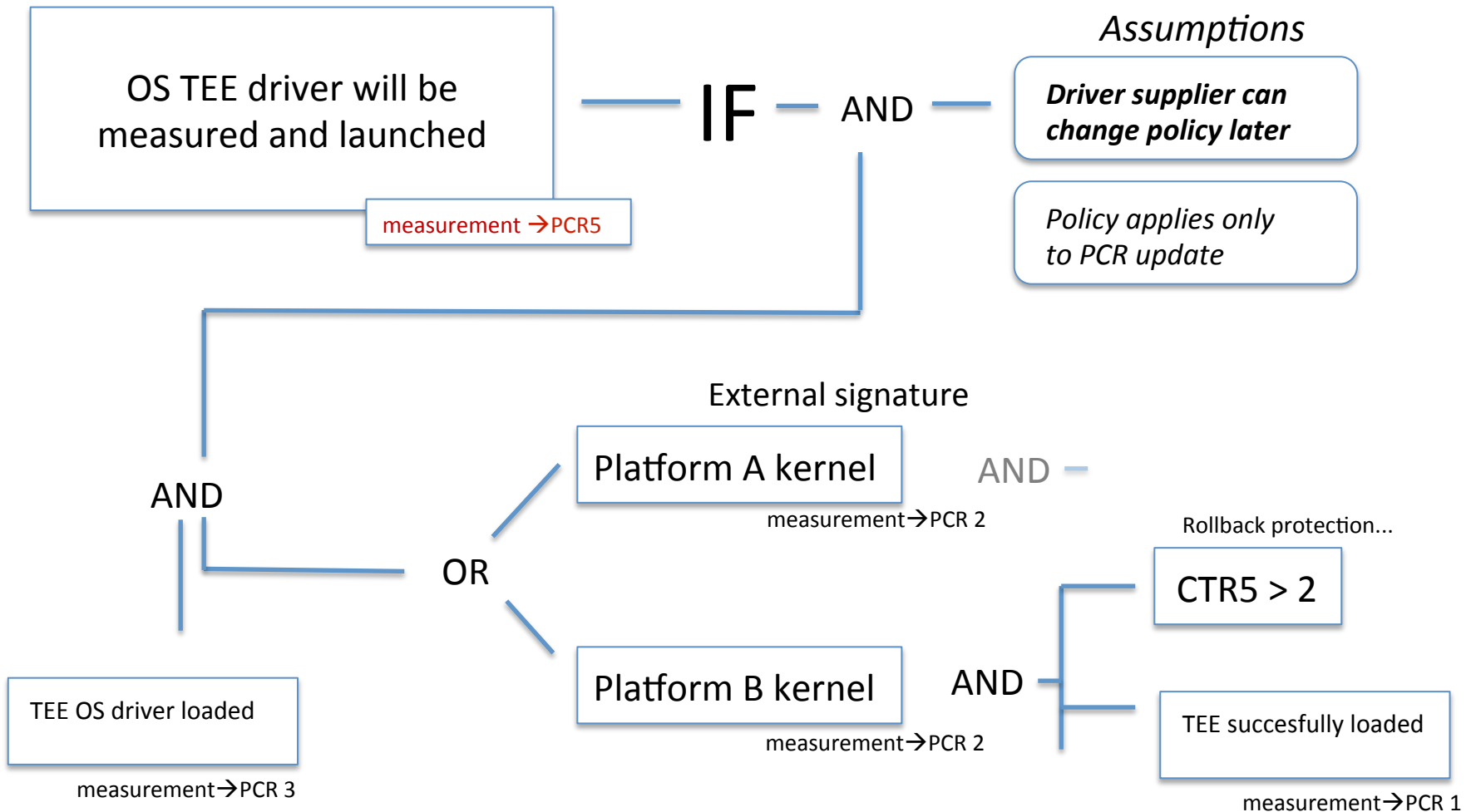


Advanced Boot: example policy

- Policy applies to extending of PCR5 (authPolicy = X)
- Create policy session with policyDigest = X



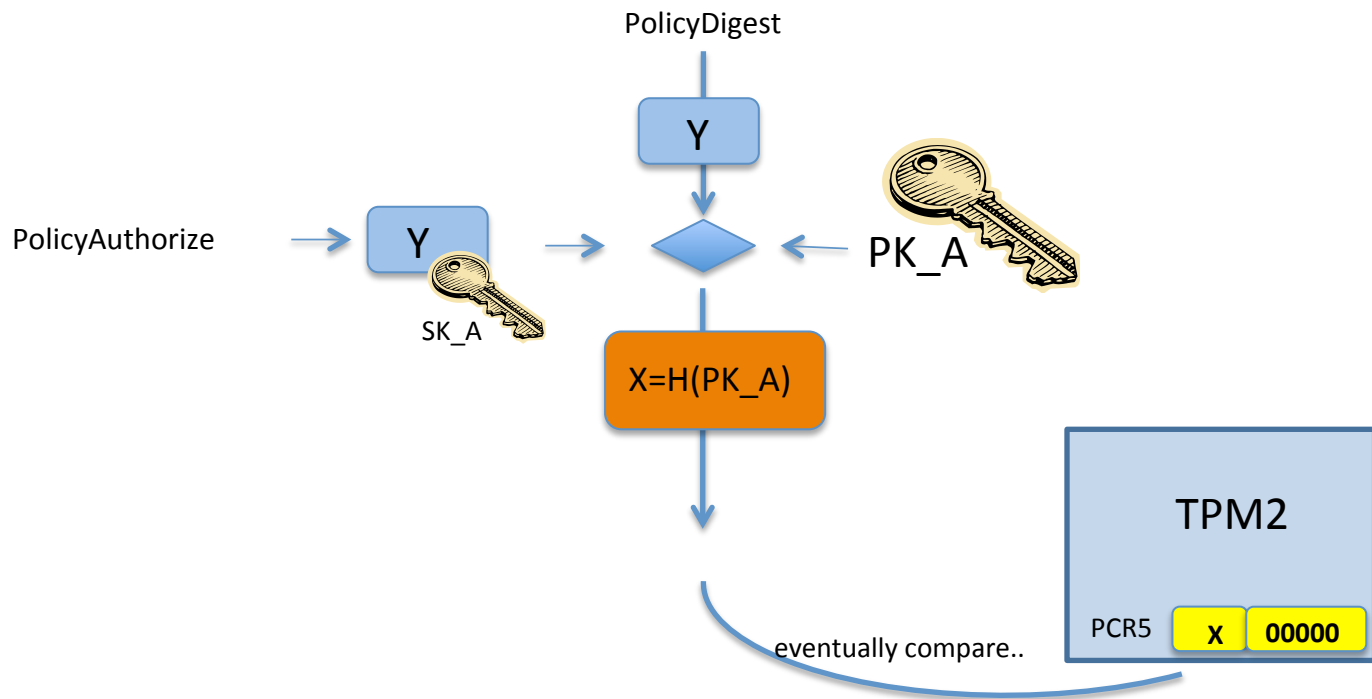
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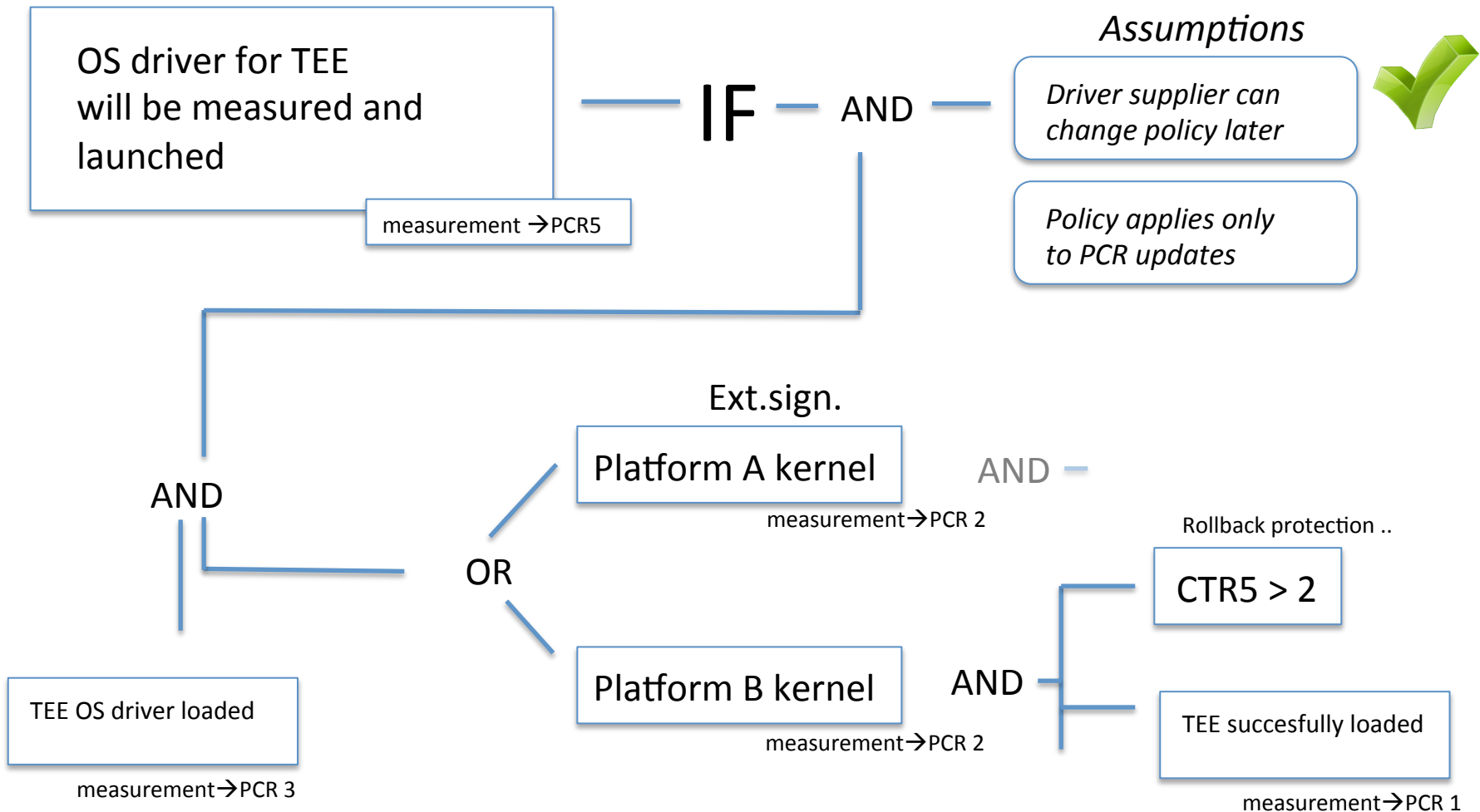
- authPolicy $X = (PK_A)^*$
- driver supplier **A** can authorize any value Y as policy for PCR 5

* more precisely $H(0 || \text{PolicyAuthorize} || PK_A || \dots)$



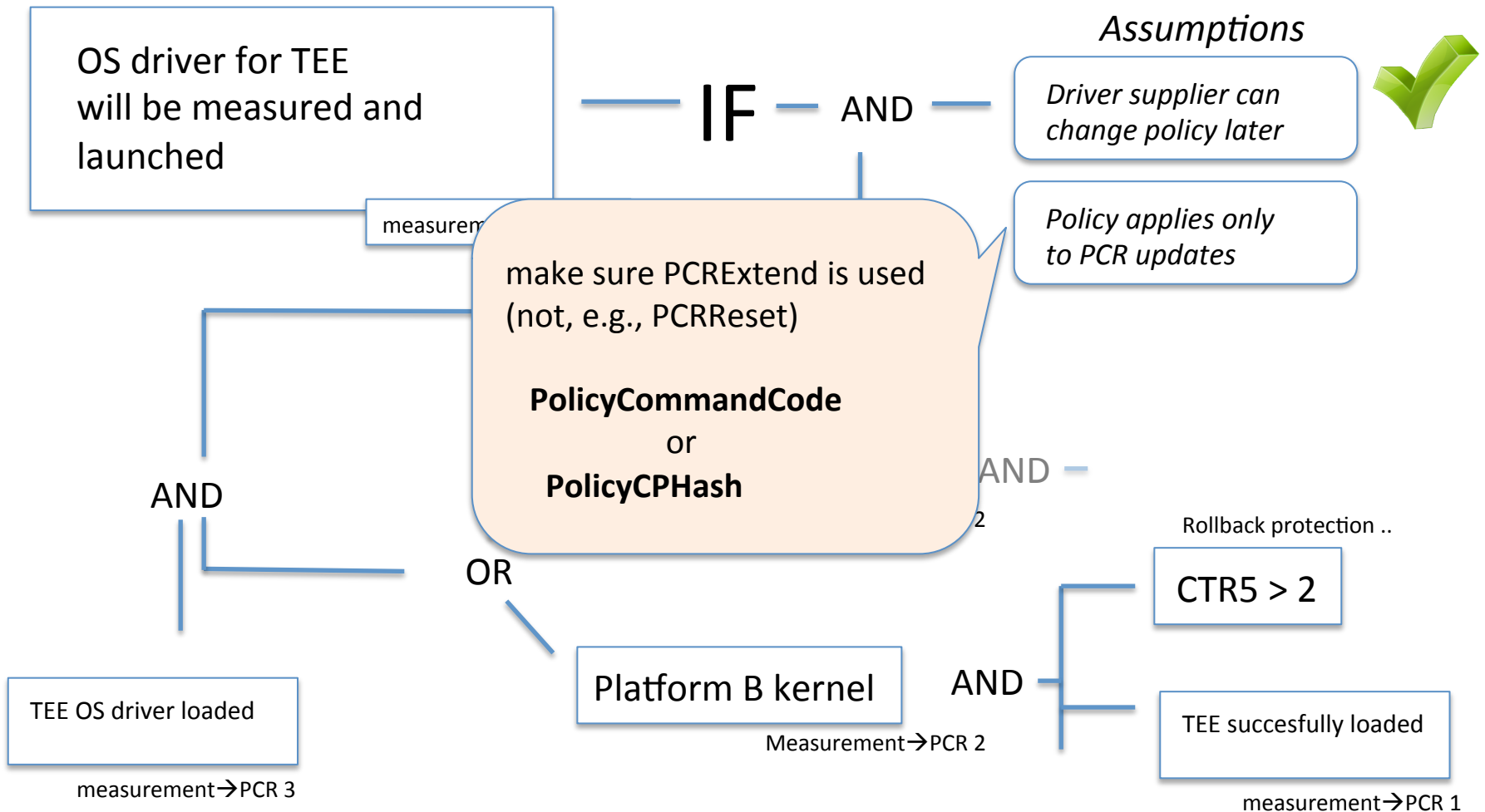
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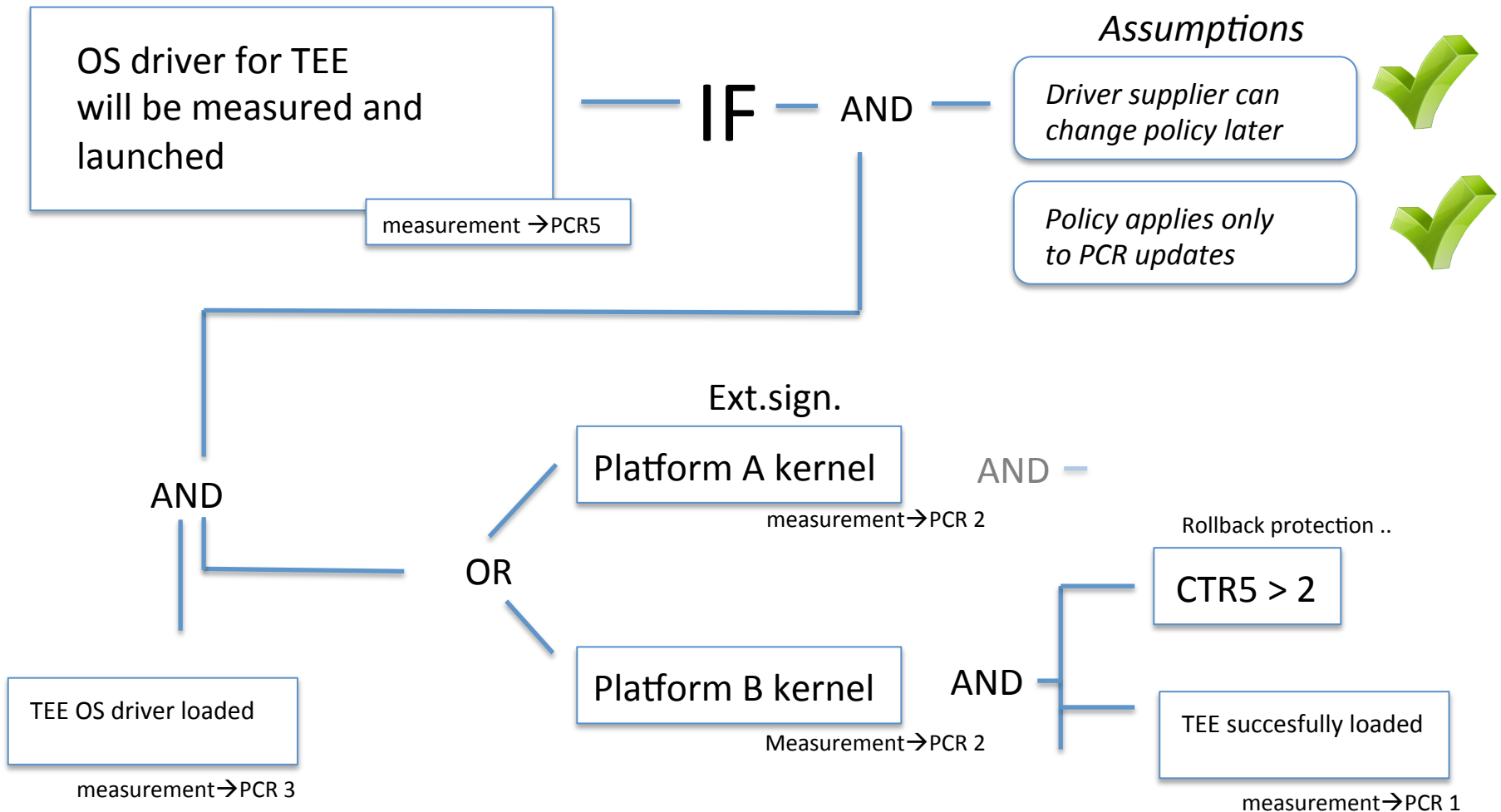
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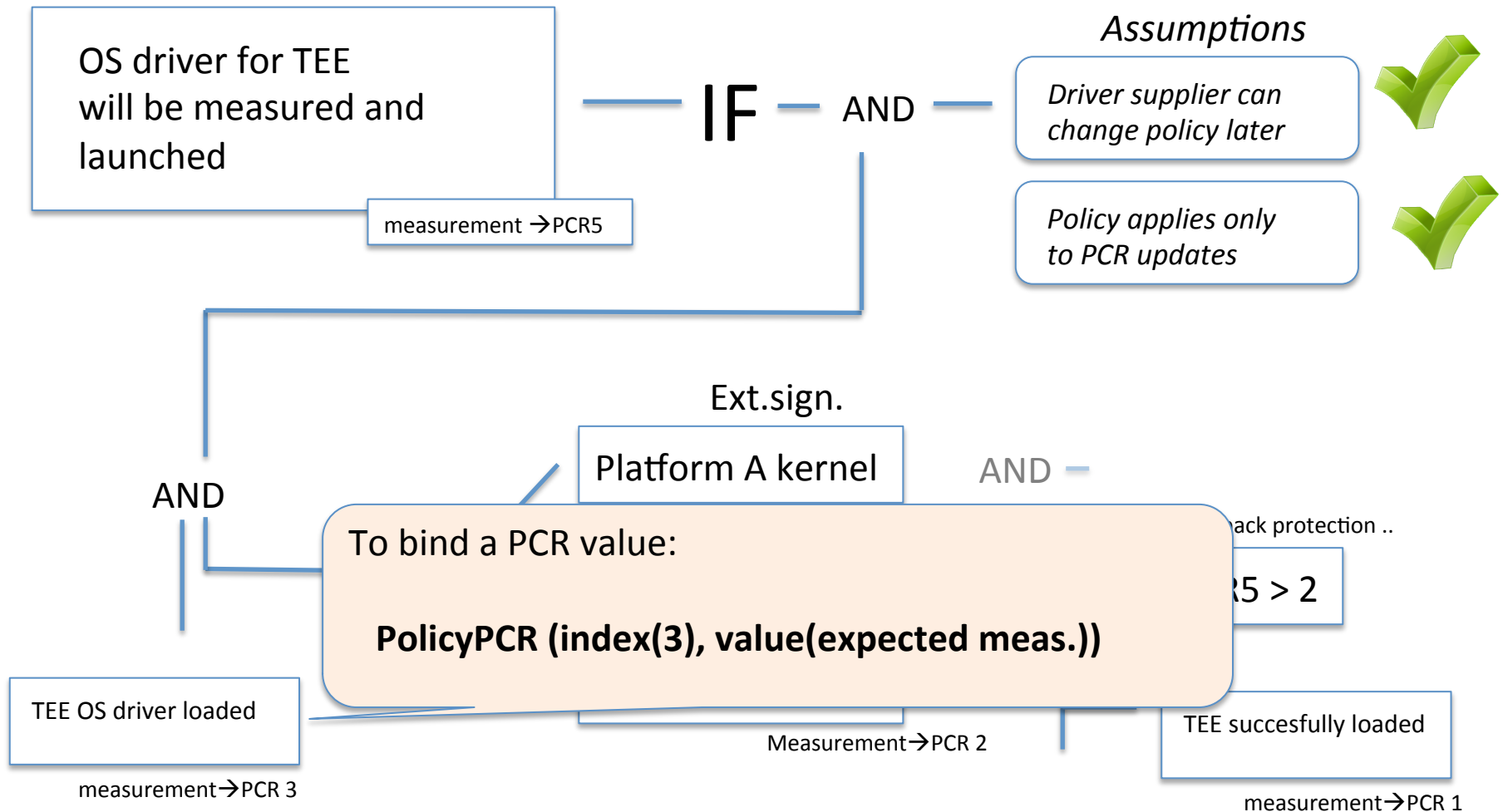
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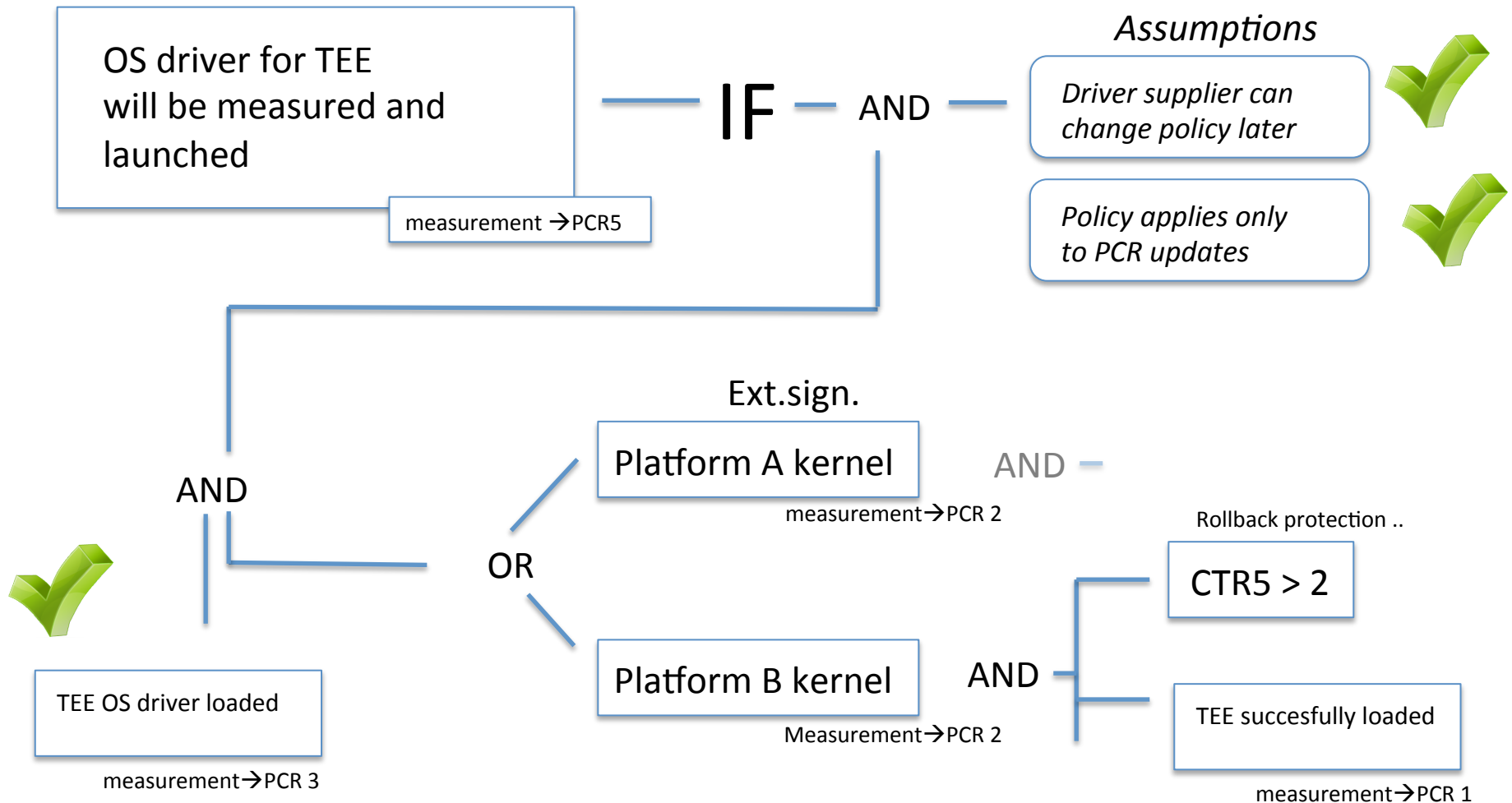
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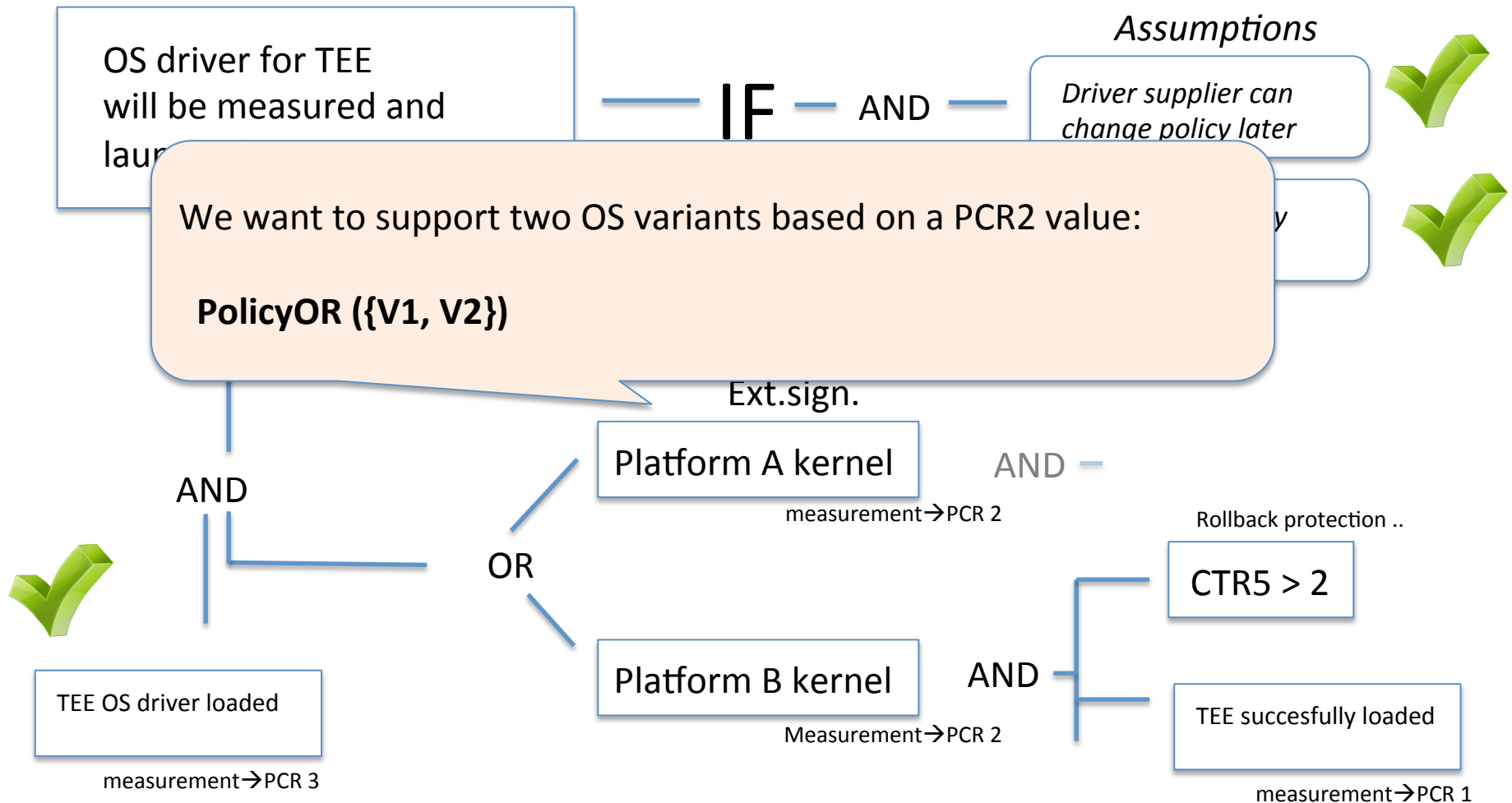


$W \rightarrow \text{PolicyPCR}(3, \text{meas.}) \rightarrow Z$

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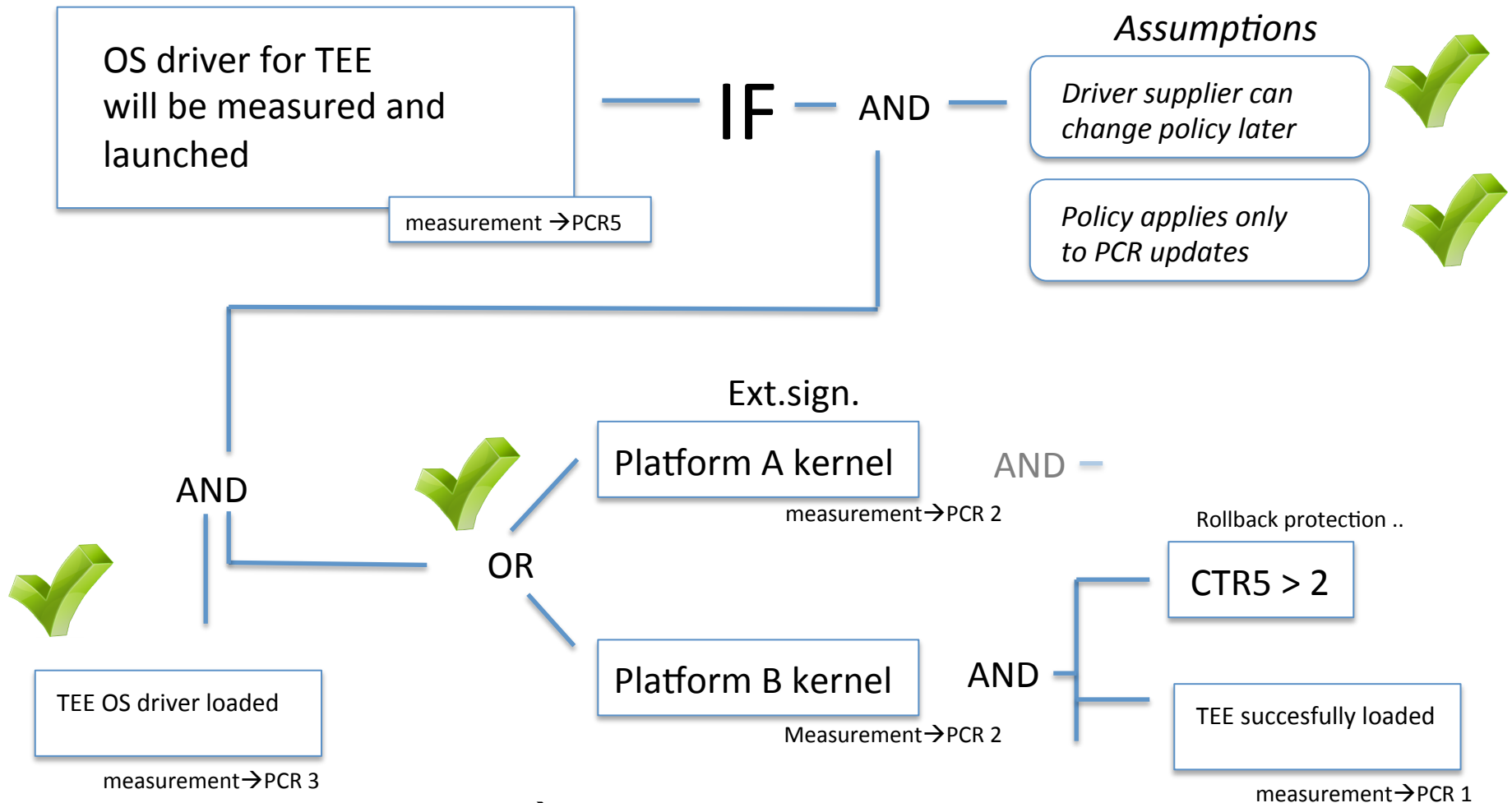


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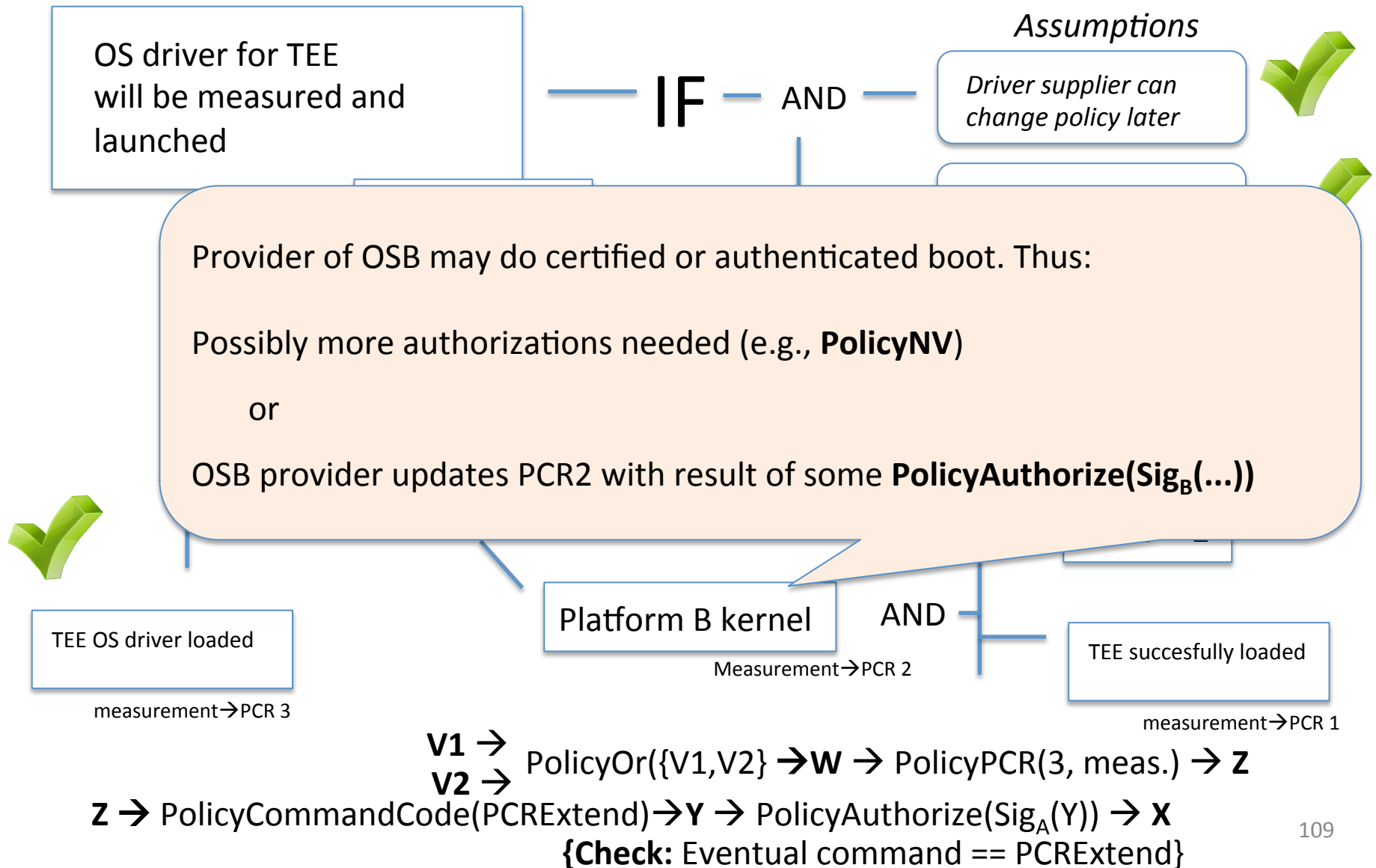
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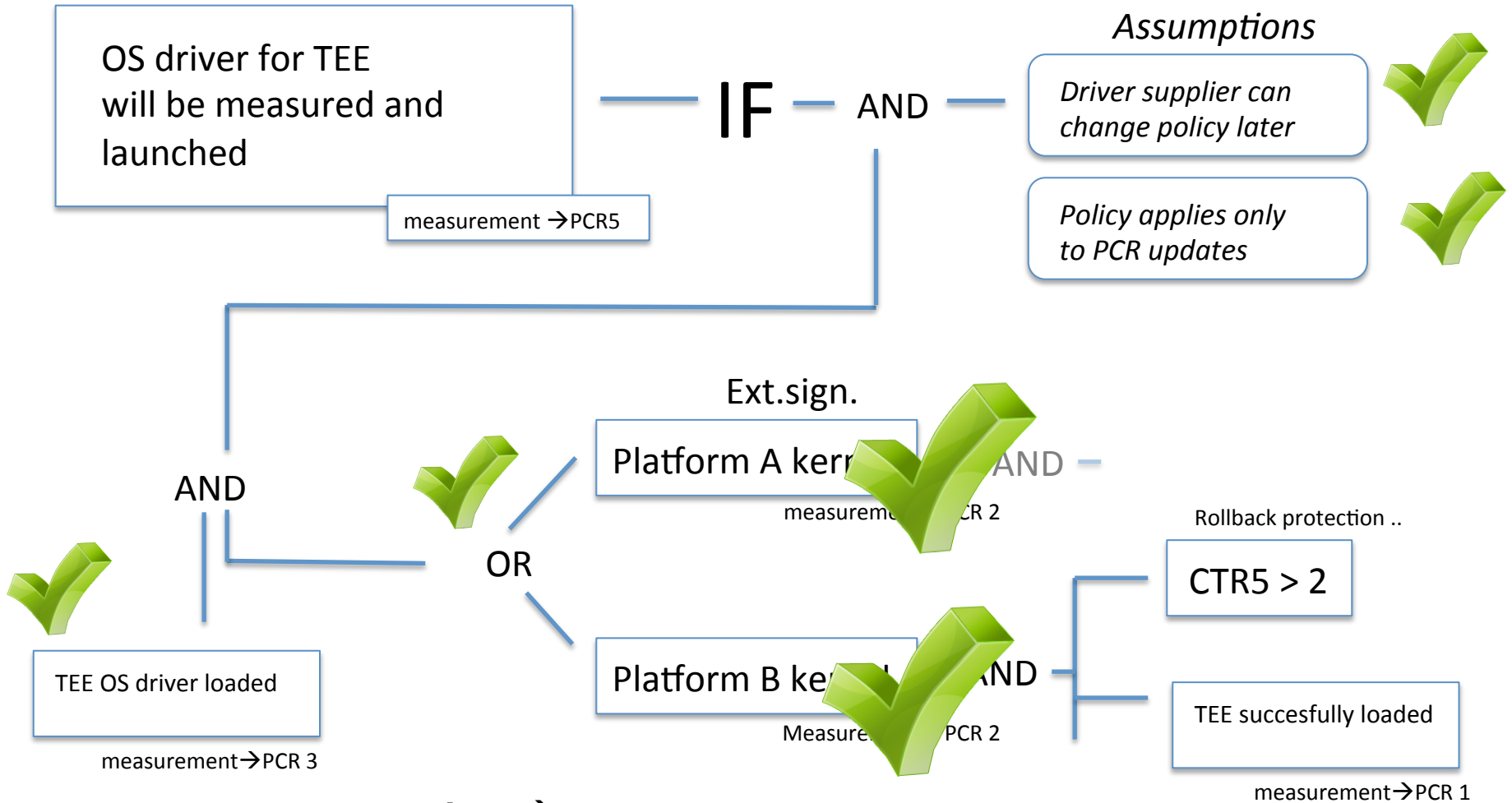


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