

How to build a Stingray

Hendrik Schmidt <hschmidt@ernw.de> / @hendrks_

Brian Butterly <bbutterly@ernw.de> / @BadgeWizard

Cellular Networks

- Connecting \$mobile_devices which each other
 - Internet of Things (EGSM, LTM-M)
 - Automotive Systems
 - Industry 4.0
- Using Services as
 - Voice
 - Data
 - Messaging
 - OTA Updates



The Goal?

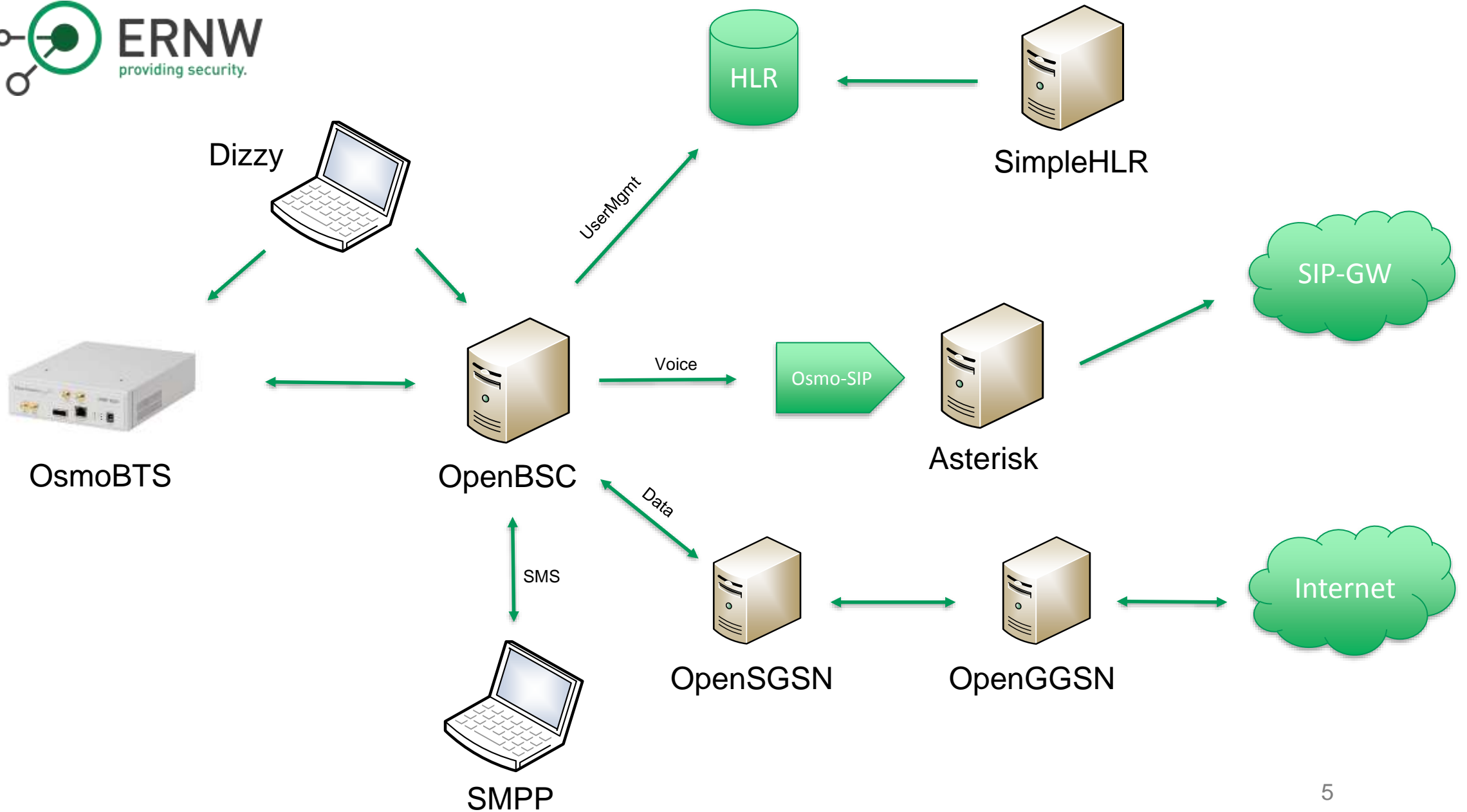
- Simulating a real world environment / a provider
 - Interception of mobile data
 - Raw Data Access
 - Open Source?
 - Portable
 - Monitoring Capabilities
 - Wireshark?
- What, we are building our own Stingray?



Tools

- GSM
 - phone: [osmocomBB](#)
 - network: [openBSC](#), [osmoBTS](#), [openBTS](#), [gr-gsm](#)
- UMTS
 - phone: [xgoldmon](#)
 - network: [openBTS-UMTS](#)
- LTE
 - phone: [Samsung Kalmia](#), [SnoopSnitch](#)
 - network: [Amarisoft](#), [openLTE](#), [srsLTE](#), [OpenAirInterface](#)





Why is this Working?

- Mobile Connection depends on
 - MCC / MNC (Roaming SIM?)
 - Encryption Keys
 - Can be ignored when using A5/0
 - APN
 - SMSC-Number
- Limitations
 - GPRS/EDGE (UMTS available soon)
 - Restricted APNs



(Brief) Cell Selection

1. Build Cell Selection Table
2. Read Last Cell from SIM
3. Select Home Network (best/loudest)
4. Select Roaming Network (best/loudest)

Challenges:

- Cell Fixation
 - Higher privileged networks (LTE)
- Jamming



Data Interception (eliminating the magic)

- GPRS Data Access
- “Common” Pentest Methodology
 - Identification of running services
 - Eavesdropping & Encryption Tests
 - Man-in-the-Middle of Communication
- Ever used a M2M SIM for free Internet?



Voice Interception

- Intercepting Calls like a Full-MitM-IMSI-Catcher
 - Testing implemented Security Measures (Authentication/Encryption)
 - Emergency Calls
- SIP based Uplink to PSTN
- Ever used a M2M SIM for free calls?



Short Messaging Service

- SMS PDU Attacks
- SMS UDH Attacks
- Application access via SMS
- OTA Updates via (8-bit) binary Data
 - Depends on PID/DCS
- Data Forward to SIM
- Ever used a M2M SIM for free SMS?



The Python Code

```
def send_message(destaddr, dcs, pid, message):  
    print 'Sending SMS "%s" to %s' % (string,dest)  
    pdu = client.send_message(  
        source_addr_ton=smpplib.consts.SMPP_TON_INTL,  
        source_addr_npi=smpplib.consts.SMPP_NPI_ISDN,  
        source_addr='1001',  
        dest_addr_ton=smpplib.consts.SMPP_TON_INTL,  
        dest_addr_npi=smpplib.consts.SMPP_NPI_ISDN,  
        destination_addr=destaddr,  
        data_coding=dcs,  
        protocol_id=pid,  
        esm_class=smpplib.consts.SMPP_GSMFEAT_UDHI,  
        short_message=message,  
        registered_delivery=False,  
    )  
    print(pdu.sequence)
```

- TP-DCS:
 - GSM 7-Bit
 - 8-Bit Data
 - UCS-2
 - Message Class
- TP-PID
 - Forward SM
 - Data Download (125)
 - U(SIM) Data Download (127)
 - ... and more
- Furthermore
 - UDHI
 - Status-Reports
 - Tracing



Radio Layer Access

- Testing Security of BaseBand & Configuration
 - Authentication/Encryption
- RAW PDU Access enables us to do targeted Fuzzing





Demo!

Conclusion

- Build an Full-MitM IMSI Catcher with (mostly) Open Source Tools
 - Whitehat vs. Blackhat
- Code Access and Interfaces to send Raw Data
- What can you do to avoid connecting to my fake cell?
 - Quite nothing, watch out for signs on your phone. It's up to the standards and their implementations

