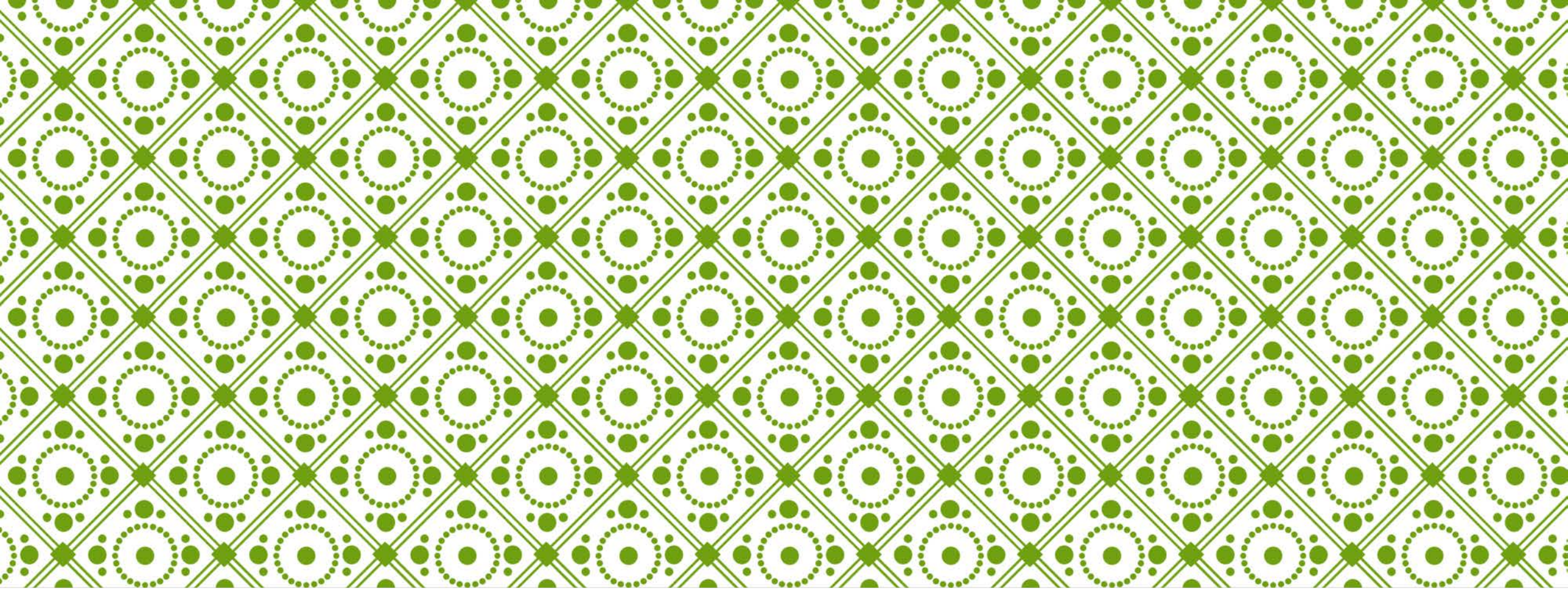

MOBILE INTERCONNECT THREATS

How next-gen products may be already outdated

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AGENDA

- Brief introduction to mobile interconnect, threats and solutions
- Unwinding the SIGTRAN stack to discover bugs
- Key takeaways

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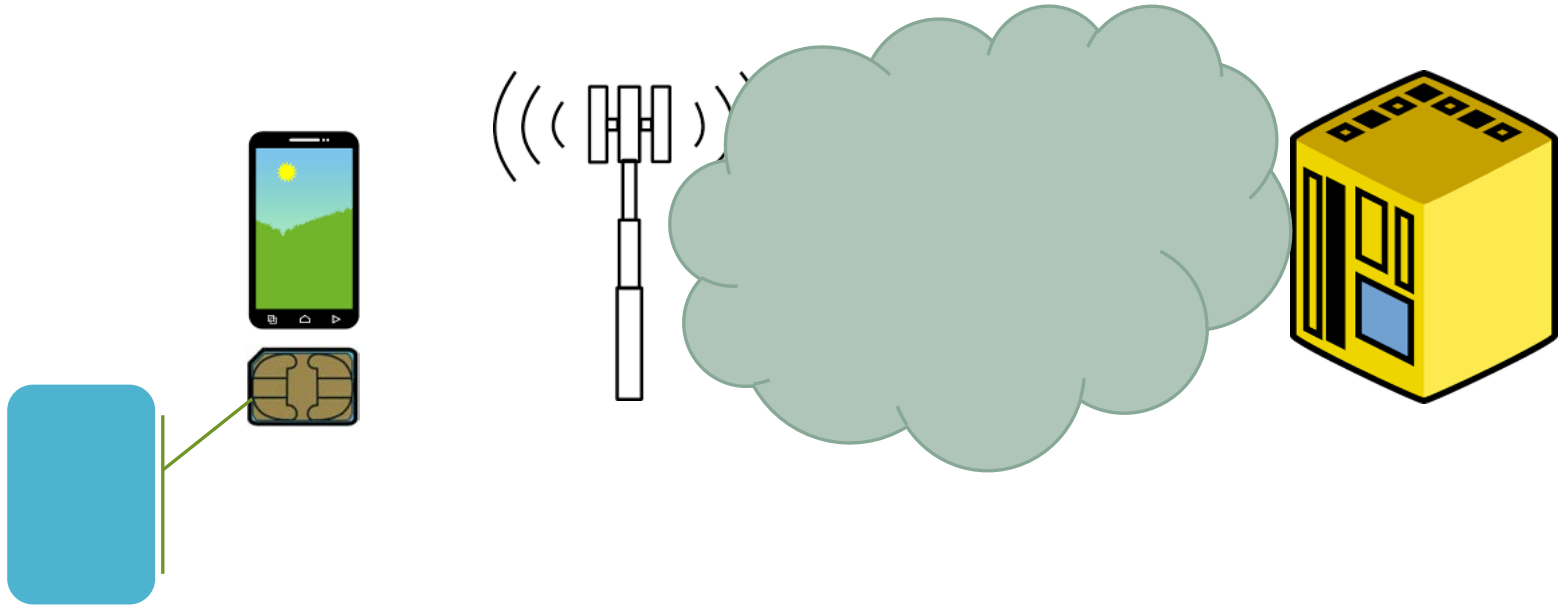

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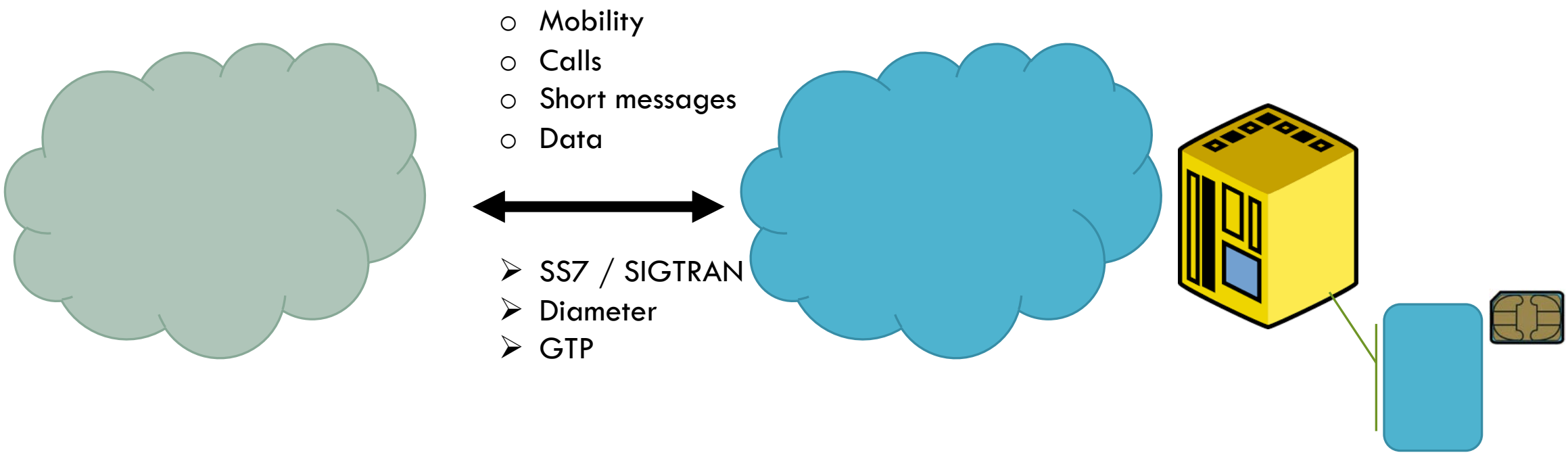

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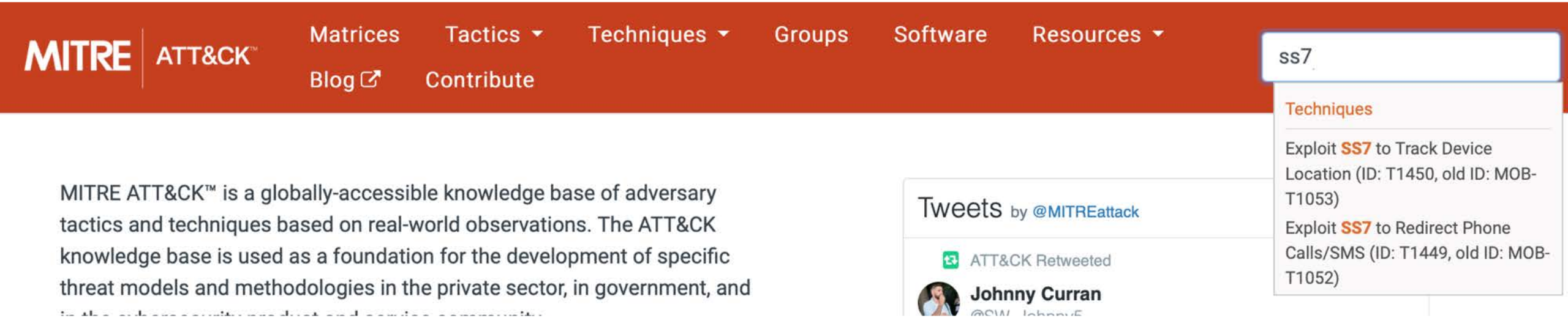

A MOVE TO DEFENSE

Recommendations

Current signalling protocols will remain within the industry for many years to come; as a result the GSMA recommend that operators implement compensating controls for these insecure protocols, specifically:

- Implement signalling controls outlined in the GSMA Fraud and Security Group[31] (FASG) guidelines on securing interconnect protocols.
- Have a fraud management system (FMS) to identify, detect and prevent potential fraud transactions within the signalling messages.
- Deploy signalling firewall, or equivalent, technologies to support the monitoring and blocking of signalling traffic.
- Prepare for realistic threat scenarios where the network is compromised. Once these threats are modelled a set of security parameters, based on the signalling protocols, can be deployed.

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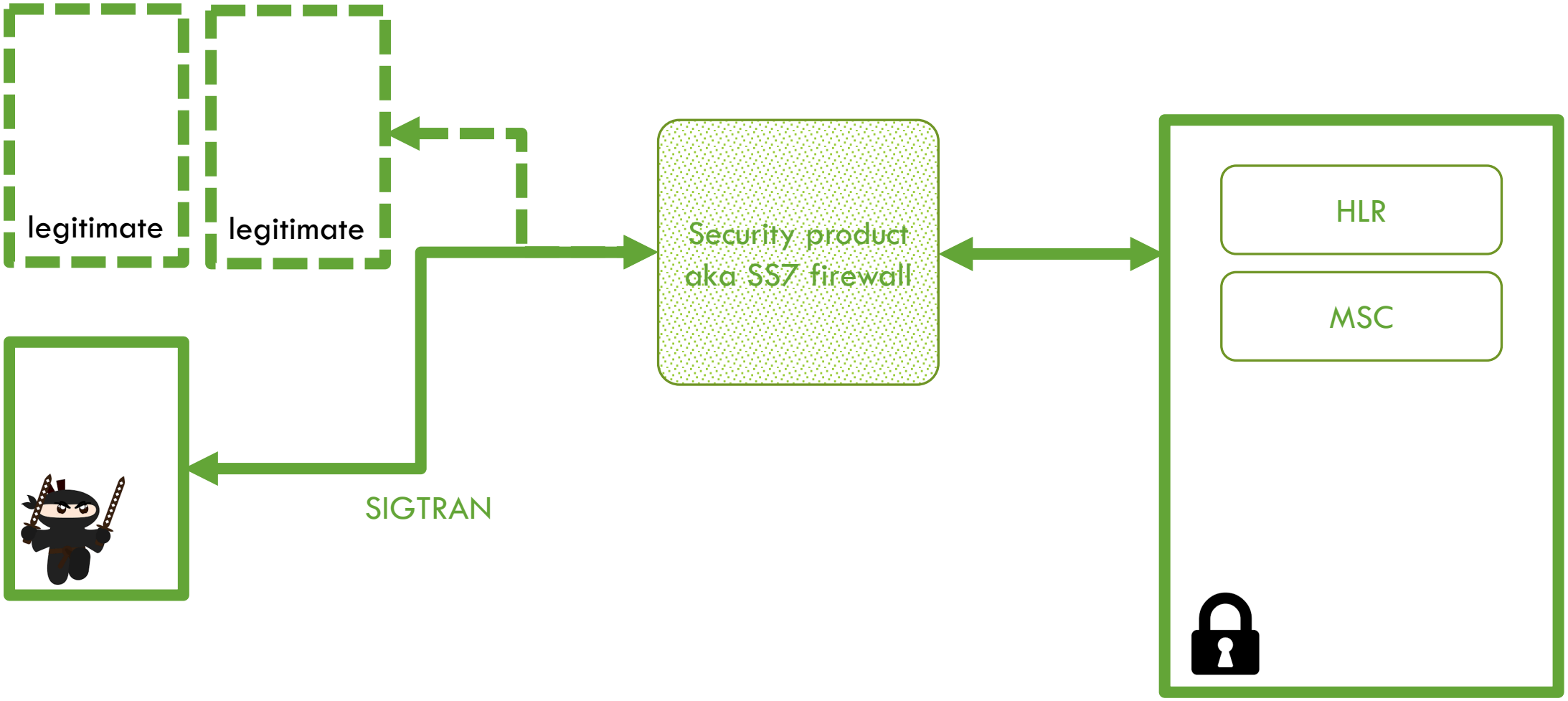

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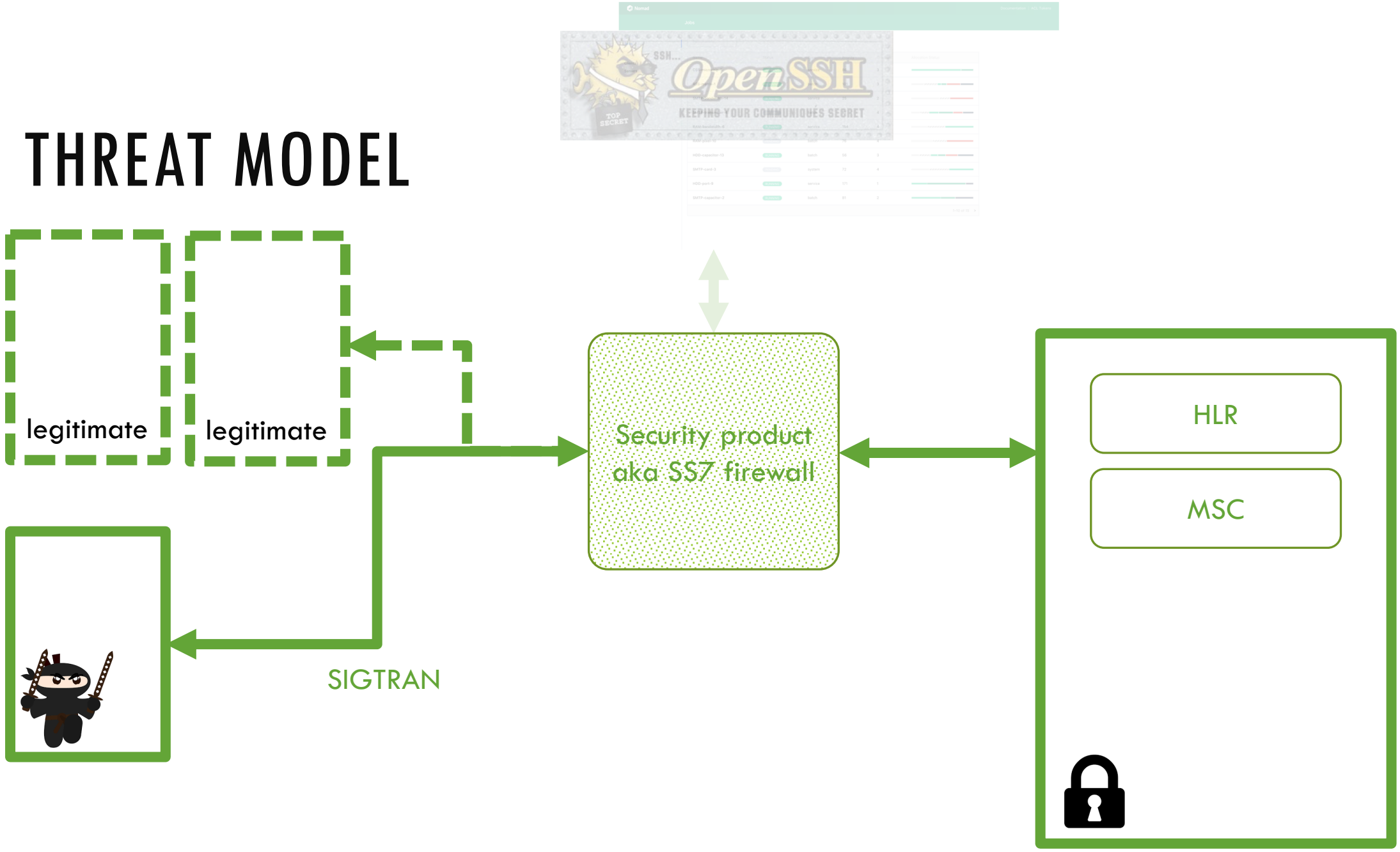

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```
from pwnss7.ber import *
from pwnss7.protocols import *
from pwnss7.pcap import *


NEGATIVE_CALLBACK_INDEX = -(2**32)
opcode = encode_integer(NEGATIVE_CALLBACK_INDEX)

tcap = Asn1Obj(0x1, 1, 0x2, 1, children=[
  Asn1Obj(0x1, 0, 0x8, 1, value='\x07\x00\x04\x00
  Asn1Obj(0x1, 1, 0xb, 1, children=[
```

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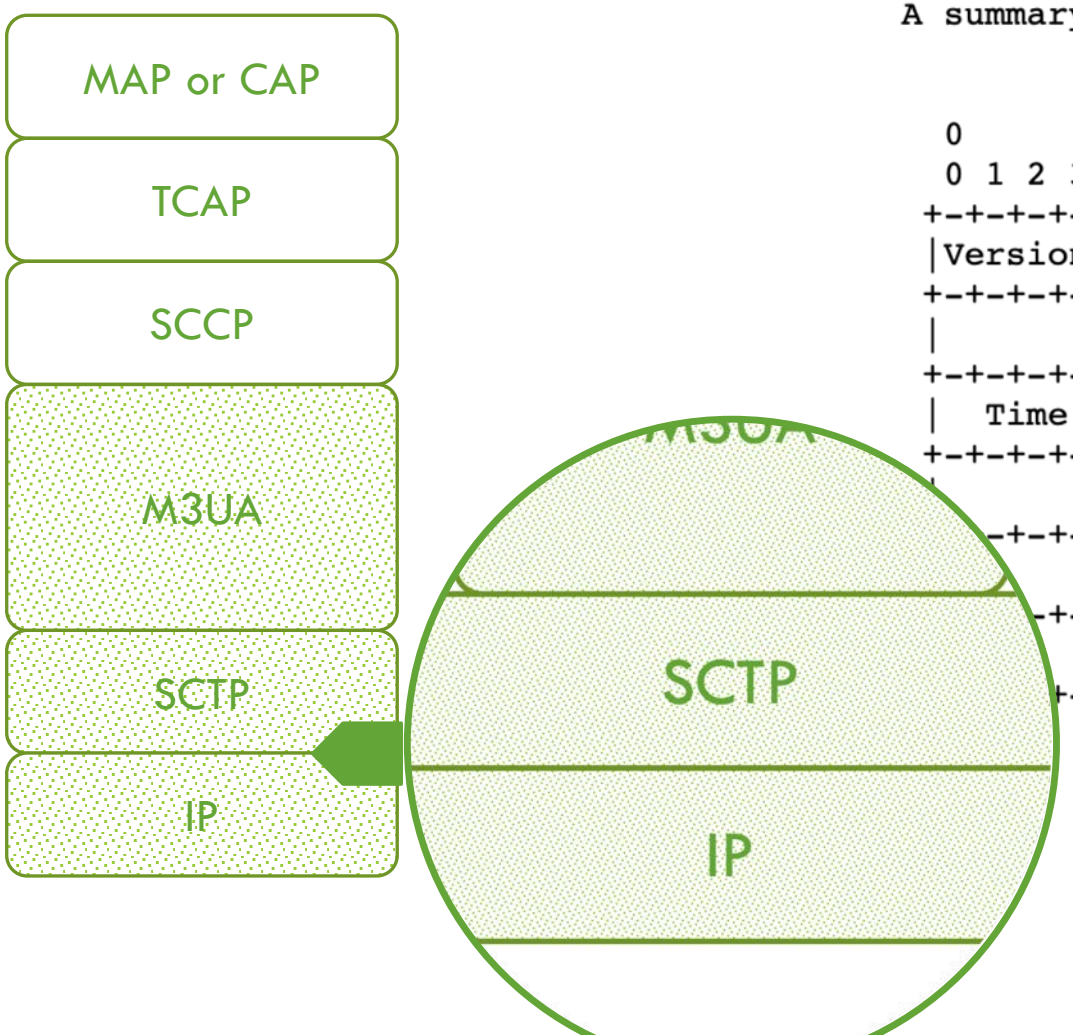
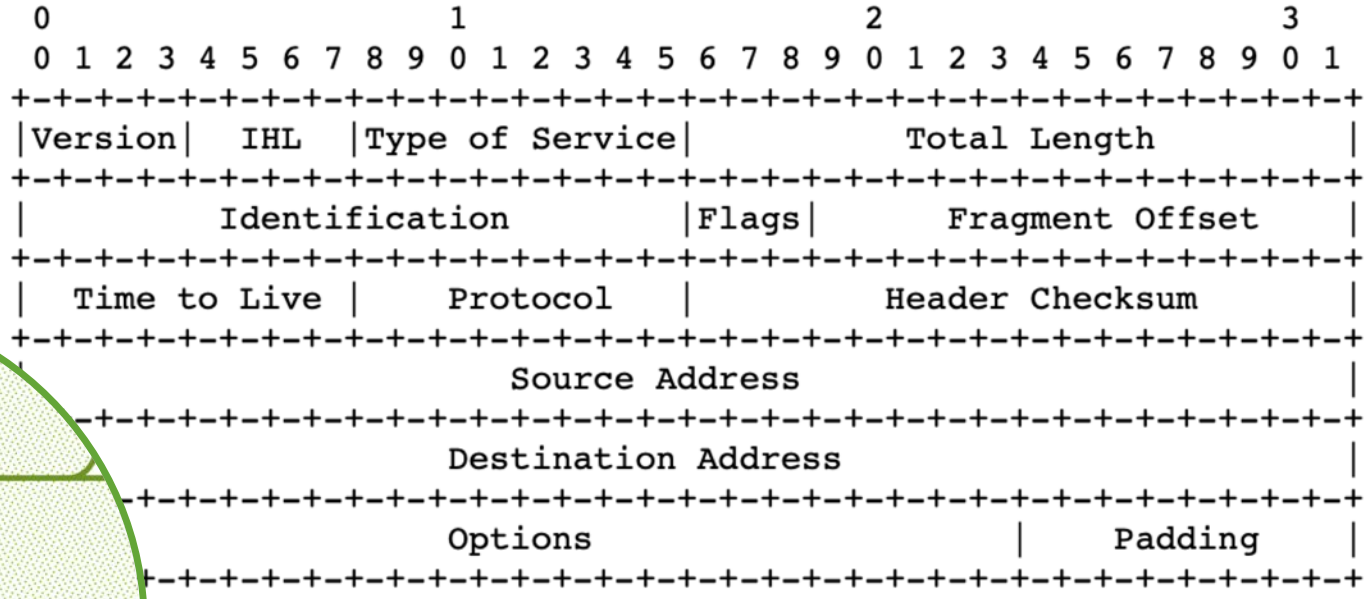
IP/SCTP



3. SPECIFICATION

3.1. Internet Header Format

A summary of the contents of the internet header follows:



Example Internet Datagram Header

(SOME) IP/SCTP TASKS FOR AN SS7 FIREWALL

- Check source and destination addresses are allowed to communicate
- Reassemble IP fragments, to yield to SCTP
- Reassemble SCTP fragments, to yield to M3UA

TRICK REASSEMBLY TO BYPASS DETECTION

1

```
1  void process_ip(struct ip *msg) {
2    if (IS_FRAGMENT(msg) || msg->proto != IPPROTO_SCTP) {
3      return;
4    }
5
6    process_sctp(msg->data);
7  }
```

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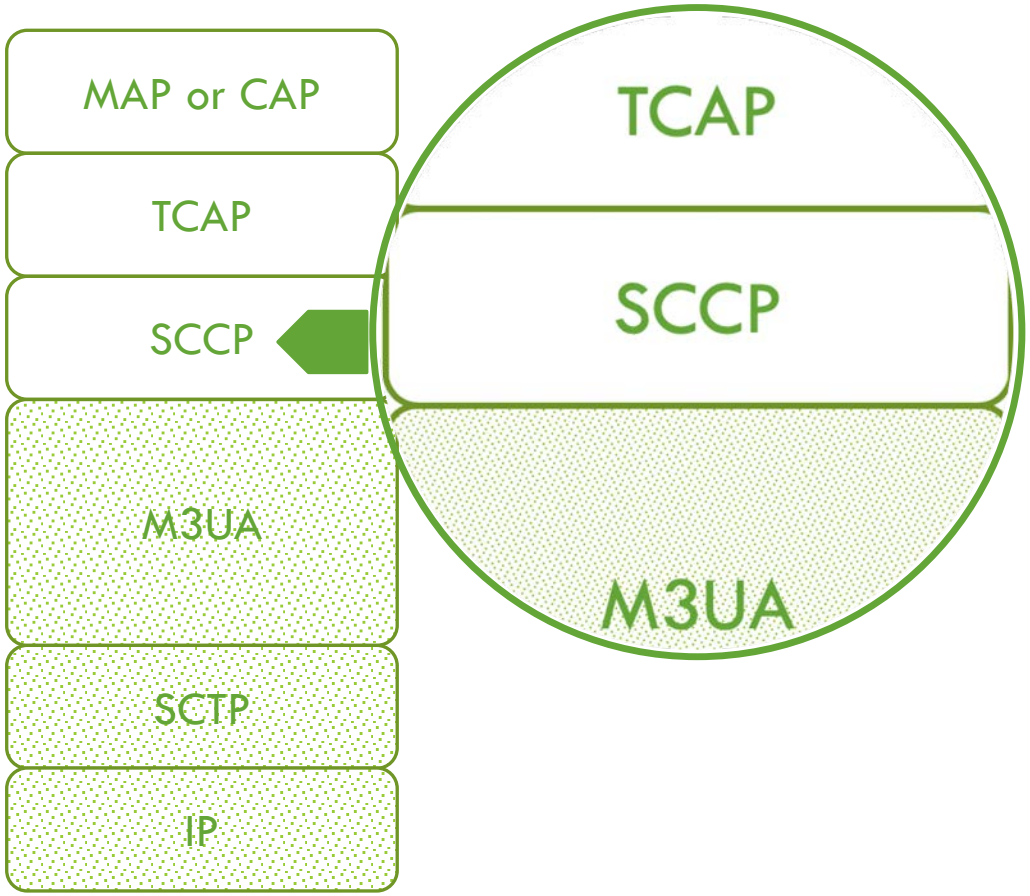
7  }
```

```
1  void process_sctp(struct sctp *msg) {
2    struct sctp_chunk *chunk;
3
4    foreach (chunk in msg->chunks) {
5      if (chunk->type == DATA_CHUNK) {
6        process_m3ua(chunk->data);
7      }
8    }
9  }
```

2

SCCP

SIGNALLING CONNECTION CONTROL PART



- Extends MTP routing based on point code:
  - Point code plus subsystem number
  - Or Global Title
- Provides different levels of connection
  - Management messages
  - Data messages
- Provides segmentation and reassembly

(SOME) SCCP TASKS FOR AN SS7 FIREWALL

- Retrieve called and caller addresses, to check if they are allowed to communicate
- Reassemble XUDT fragments, to further analyze a TCAP frame

SCCP

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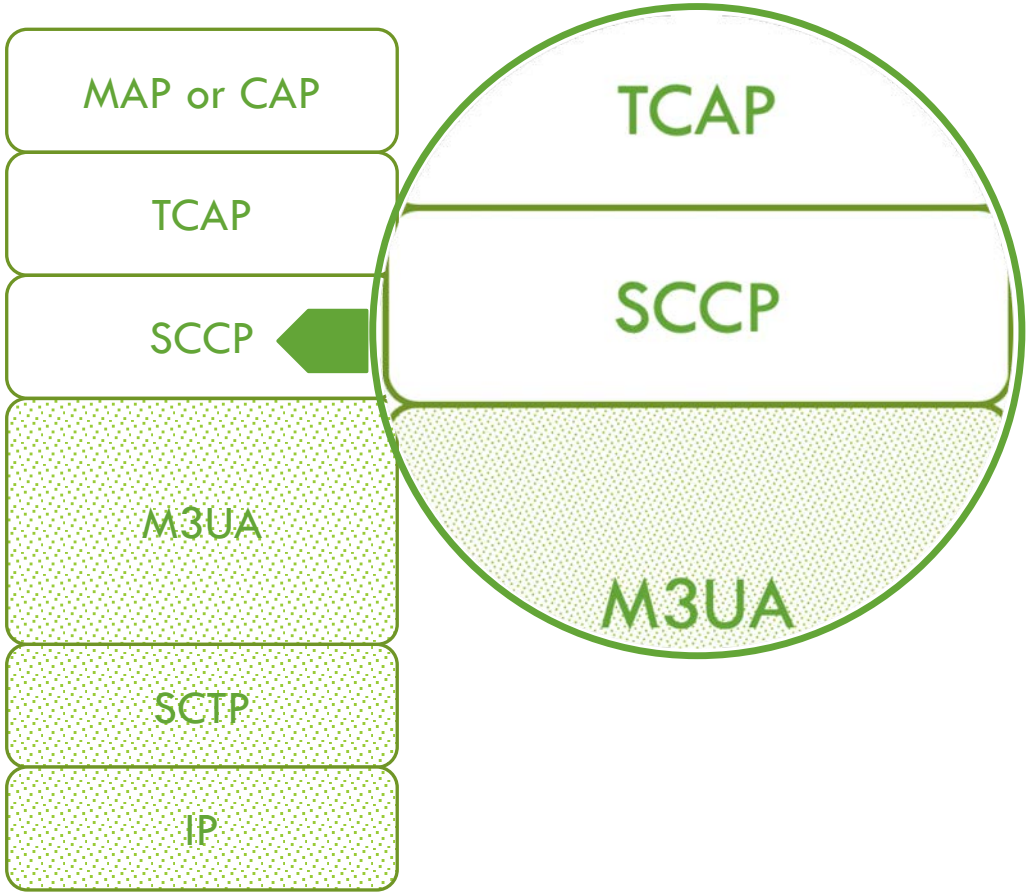

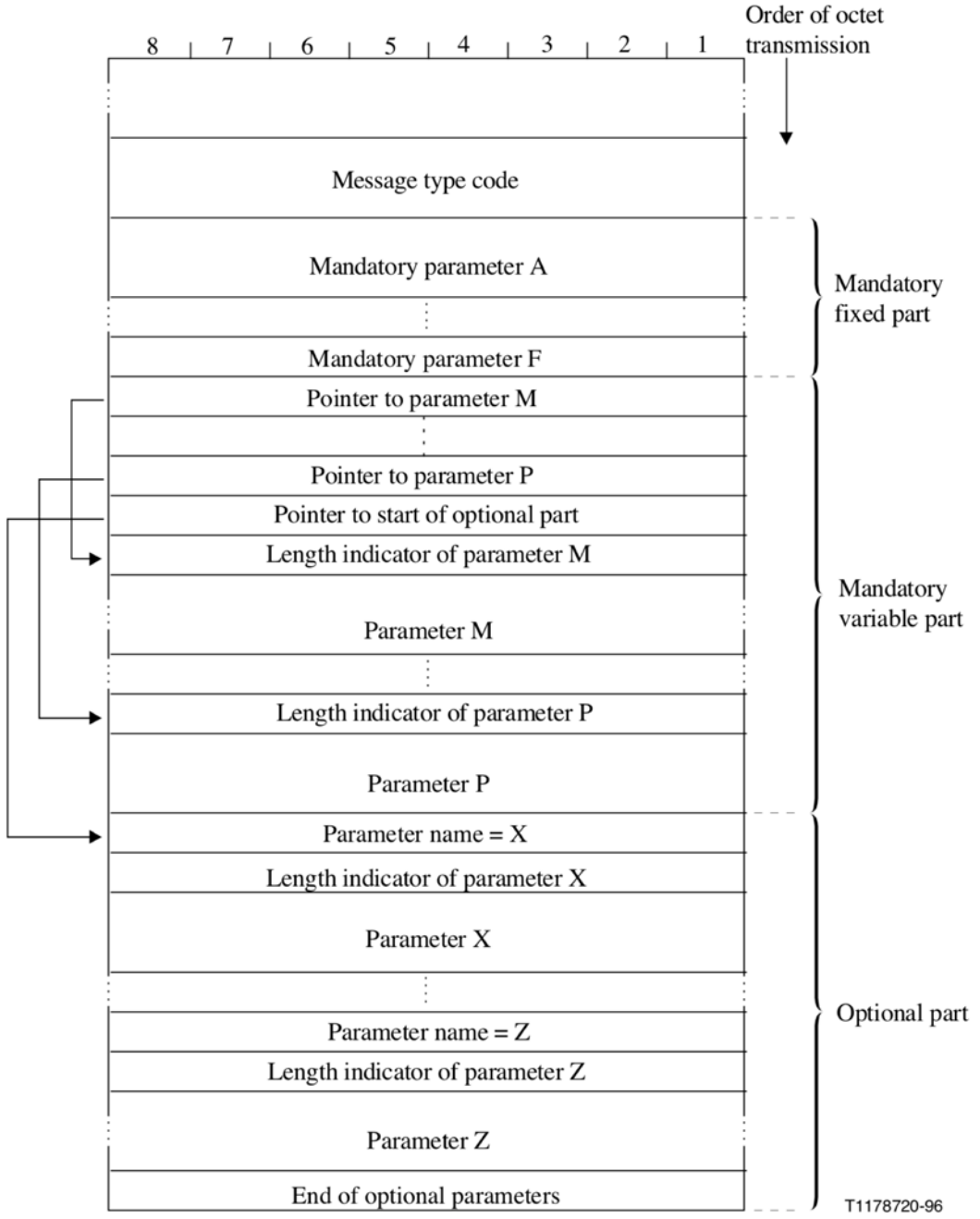

Figure 2/Q.713 – General SCCP message format

TRICK FORWARD POINTERS TO DENY SERVICE

1

```
1  void process_sccp(const unsigned char *sccp, size_t size) {
2    unsigned char *called = NULL;
3    unsigned char *calling = NULL;
4
5    switch (sccp[0]) {
6    case 9:
7    case 10: /* UDT{,S} have fwd pointer on a single byte */
8      called = &sccp[2] + sccp[2];
9      break;
```

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9      break;
10   case 19:
11   case 20: /* LUDT{,S} have fwd pointer on short */
12     called = &sccp[2] + ntohs(*(unsigned short *)&sccp[2]);
13     break;
14   }
15
16   process_called(called);
17 }
```

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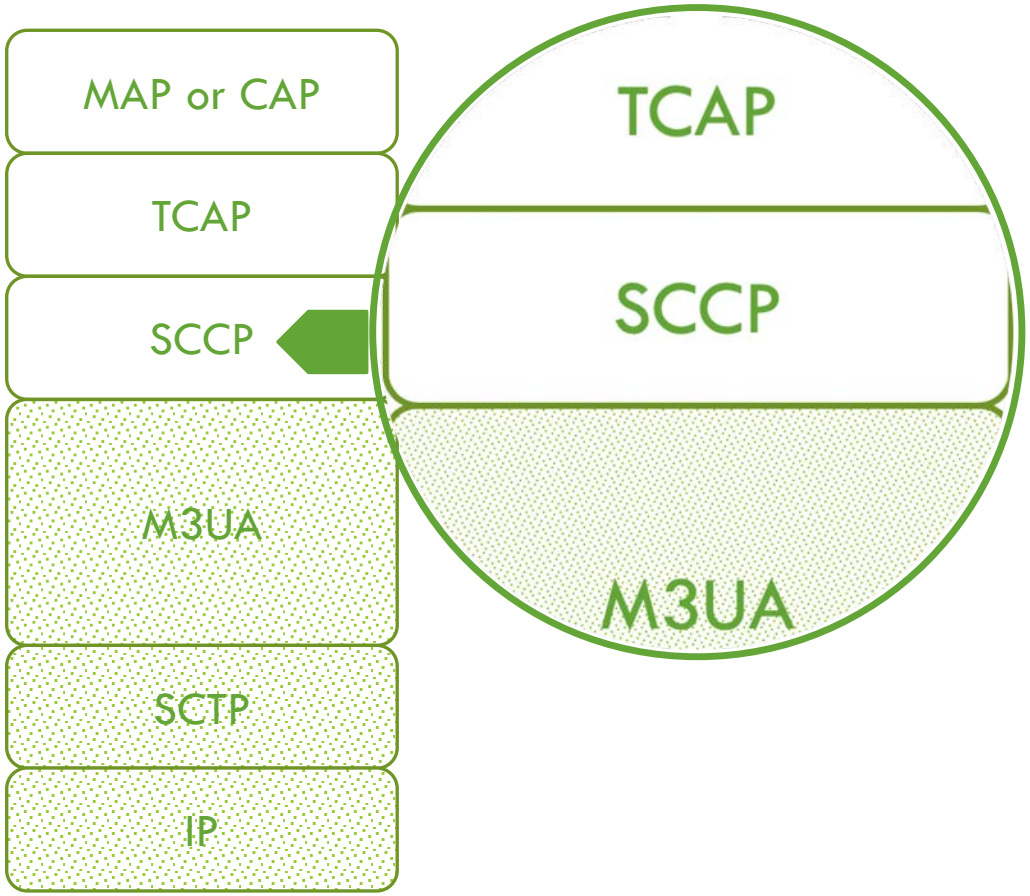
SCCP

SIGNALLING CONNECTION CONTROL PART



8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Reserved for national use	Routing indicator	Global title indicator				SSN indicator	Point code indicator

Figure 4/Q.713 – Address indicator encoding

A "1" in bit 1 indicates that the address contains a signalling point code.

A "1" in bit 2 indicates that the address contains a subsystem number.

Bits 3-6 of the address indicator octet contain the global title indicator (GTI), which is e
follows:

Bits 6 5 4 3	
0 0 0 0	no global title included
0 0 0 1	global title includes nature of address indicator only
0 0 1 0	global title includes translation type only
0 0 1 1	global title includes translation type, numbering plan and encoding
0 1 0 0	global title includes translation type, numbering plan, encoc and nature of address indicator
0 1 0 1 to 0 1 1 1	spare international
1 0 0 0 to 1 1 1 0	spare national
1 1 1 1	reserved for extension.

FOOLING GLOBAL TITLES TO GAIN CODE EXECUTION

1

```
1  void process_udt(const unsigned char *ptr, size_t size) {
2    int gt_size;
3    const unsigned char *current;
4
5    /* ..., erroneous processing yields a negative gt_size */
6
7    process_calling(current, current + size, gt_size);
8  }
9
10 static void process_calling(const void *ptr, const char *end, int size) {
11   char digits[size];
12
13   process_gt(digits, ptr, max(ptr+size, end));
14 }
15
16 static void process_gt(char *digits, const void *ptr, const void *end) {
17   const char *c_ptr = ptr;
18
19   while (c_ptr != end) {
20     *digits = *c_ptr;
21     digits++;
22     c_ptr++;
23   }
```

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1

2

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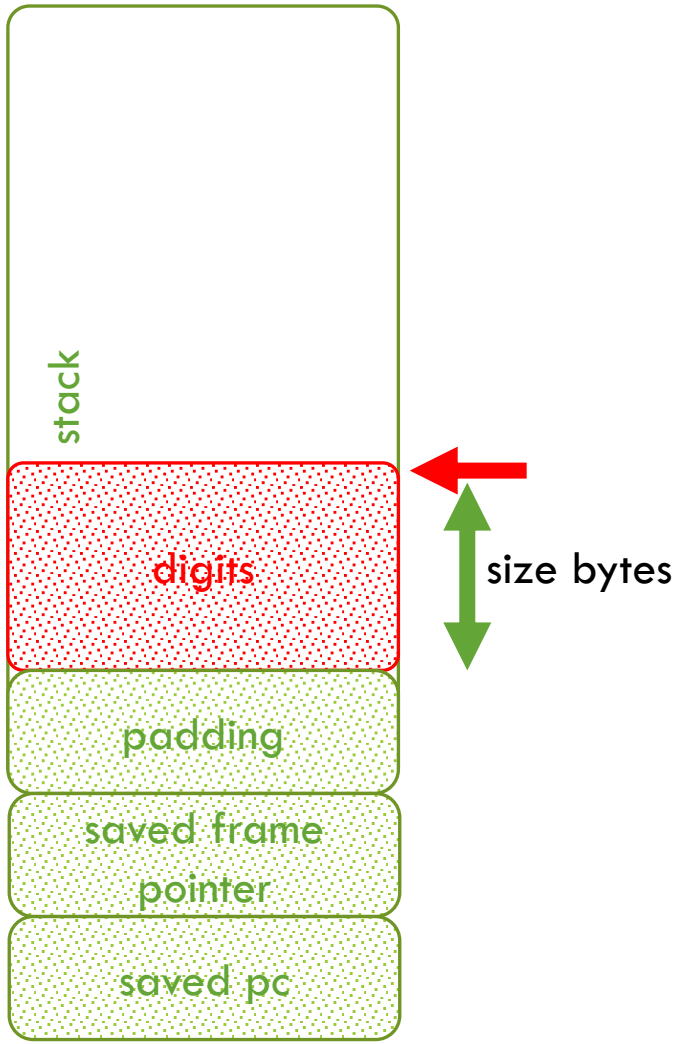

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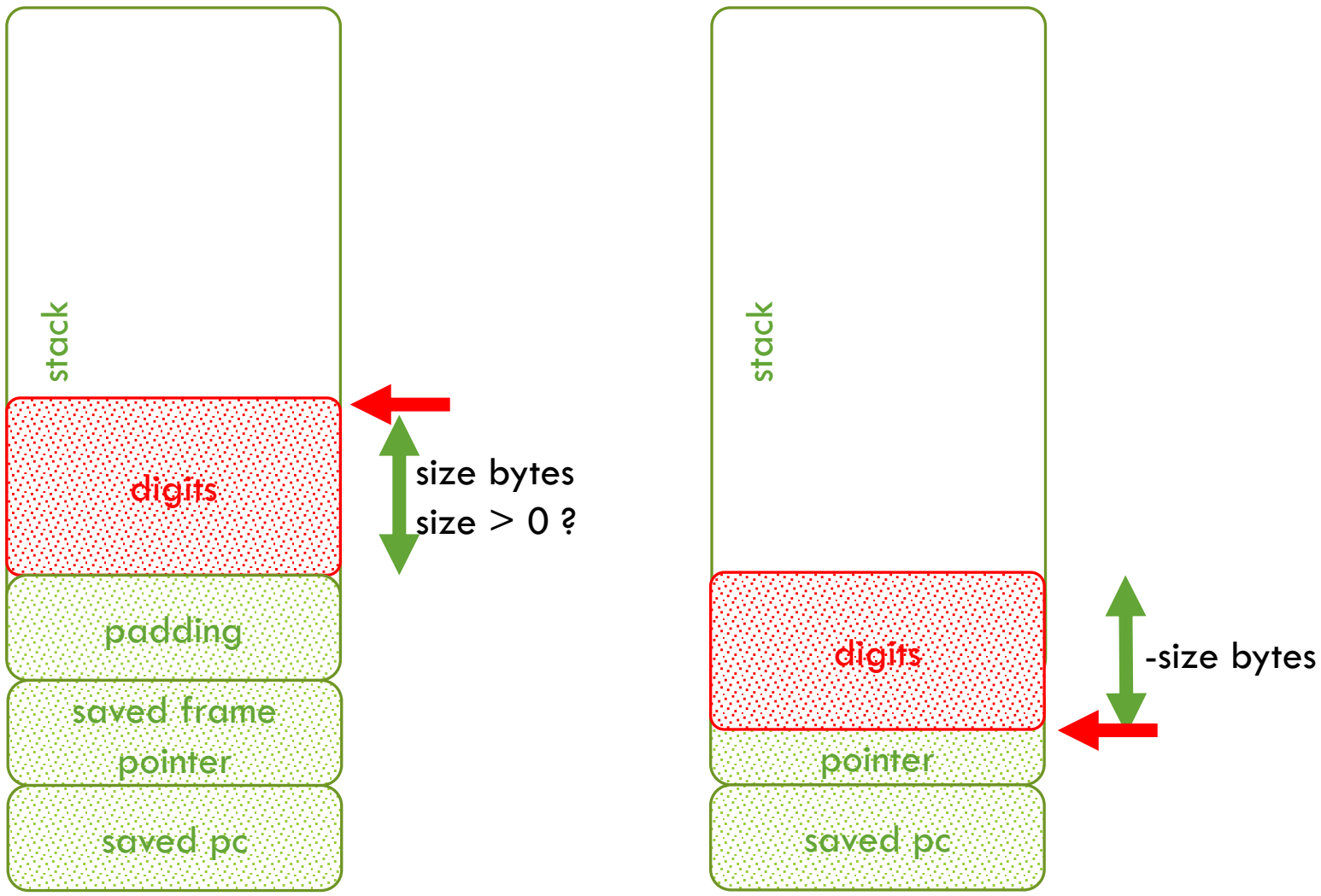

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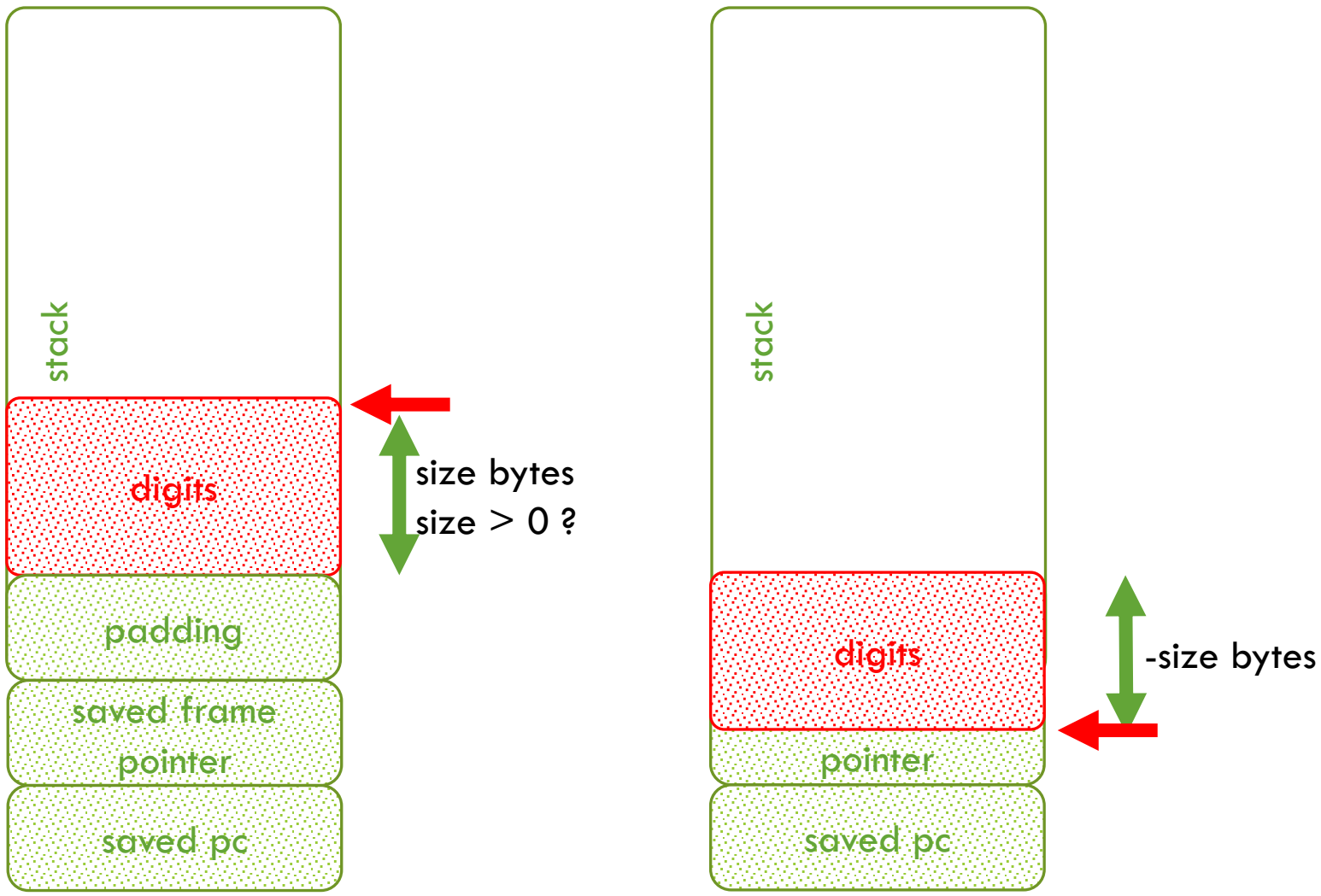

SCCP SEGMENTING & REASSEMBLY

3.5.3 Segmenting and reassembly

During the data transfer phase, the N-DATA request primitive is used to request transfer of octet-aligned data (NSDUs) on a signalling connection. NSDUs longer than 255 octets must be segmented before insertion into the "data" field of a DT message.

The more-data indicator (M-bit) is used to reassemble an NSDU that has been segmented for conveyance in multiple DT messages. The M-bit is set to 1 in all DT messages except the last message whose data field relates to a particular NSDU. In this way, the SCCP can reassemble the NSDU by combining the data fields of all DT messages with the M-bit set to 1 with the following DT message with the M-bit set to 0. The NSDU is then delivered to the SCCP user using the N-DATA indication. DT messages in which the M-bit is set to 1 do not necessarily have the maximum length.

Segmentation and reassembly are not required if the length of the NSDU is less than or equal to 255 octets.

OVERFLOW REASSEMBLY TO GAIN CODE EXECUTION

1

```
1  static size_t reassembled = 0;
2  static unsigned char big_buffer[8192];
3
4  static unsigned char smaller_buffer[1024];
5
10
11 void process_xudt(struct xudt *msg) {
12   if (reassembled + msg->fragment_size <= sizeof(big_buffer)) {
13     memcpy(&big_buffer[reassembled], msg->fragment, msg->fragment_size);
14     reassembled += msg->fragment_size;
15   }
16   if (msg->M == 0) {
17     memcpy(smaller_buffer, big_buffer, reassembled);
18     reassembled = 0;
19   }
20 }
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```
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3
4  static unsigned char smaller_buffer[1024];
5
6  static struct {
7    const void *head;
8    const void *tail;
9  } fragments;
10
11 void process_xudt(struct xudt *msg) {
12   if (reassembled + msg->fragment_size <= sizeof(big_buffer)) {
13     memcpy(&big_buffer[reassembled], msg->fragment, msg->fragment_size);
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15   }
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18     reassembled = 0;
19   }
20 }
```

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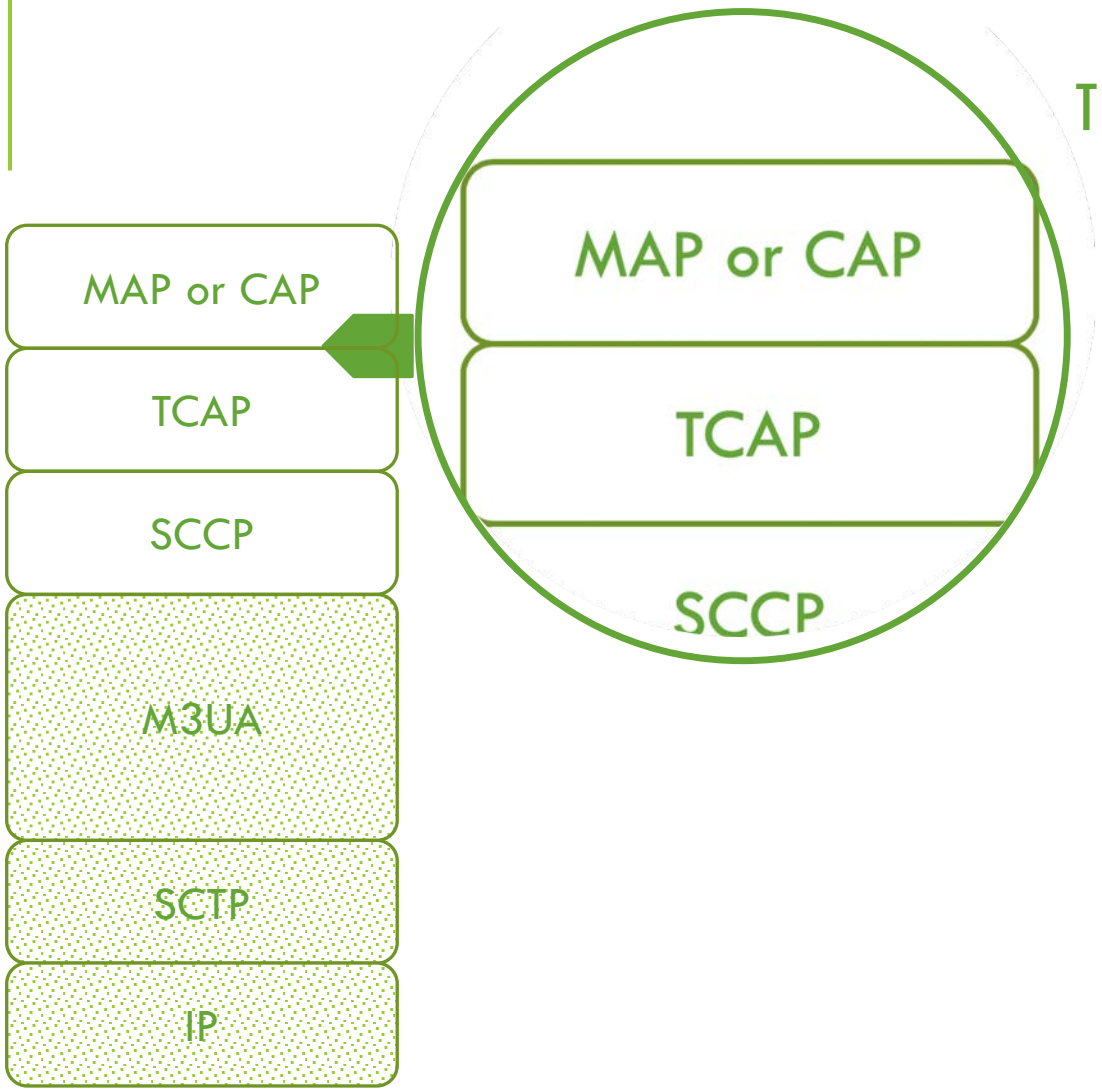
TCAP, MAP & CAP

TRANSACTION CAPABILITIES APPLICATION PART
MOBILE APPLICATION PART



- TCAP provides dialog semantics
  - With indication of upper application in an Application Context Name
- MAP provides application to mobile core nodes, using multiple operations
  - Short message service
  - Call handling
  - Mobility
  - …
- Specified in ASN.1, encoded in BER

ASN.1 SHIELDS FROM PROGRAMMING ERRORS

ABSTRACT NOTATION

ASN.1 specs

```
RoutingInfoForSM-Arg ::= SEQUENCE {
        msisdn          [0] ISDN-AddressString,
        sm-RP-PRI               [1] BOOLEAN,
        serviceCentreAddress    [2] AddressString,
        extensionContainer      [6] ExtensionContainer  OPTIONAL,
        ... ,
        gprsSupportIndicator    [7]     NULL            OPTIONAL,
        -- gprsSupportIndicator is set only if the SMS-GMSC supports
        -- receiving of two numbers from the HLR
        sm-RP-MTI               [8] SM-RP-MTI   OPTIONAL,
        sm-RP-SMEA      [9] SM-RP-SMEA  OPTIONAL,
        sm-deliveryNotIntended  [10] SM-DeliveryNotIntended     OPTIONAL,
        ip-sm-gwGuidanceIndicator       [11] NULL               OPTIONAL,
        imsi                    [12] IMSI               OPTIONAL }
```

ASN.1 SHIELDS FROM PROGRAMMING ERRORS

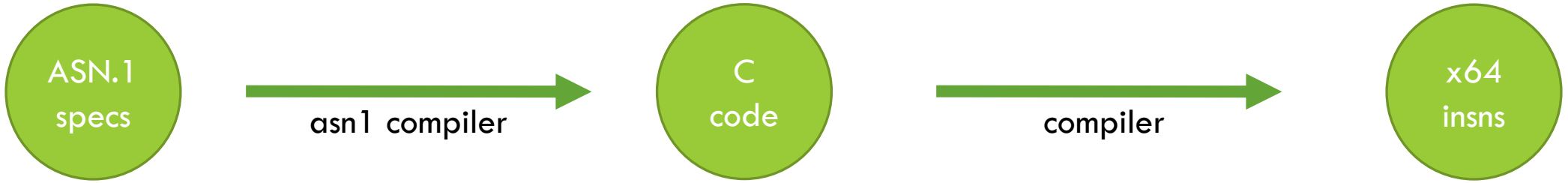
GENERATE ENCODER AND DECODER SOURCE CODE


```
10042  static const ber_sequence_                    foForSMArg_sequence[] = {
10043    { BER_CLASS_CON, 0, BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG, dissect_msisdn_impl },
10044    { BER_CLASS_CON, 1, BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG, dissect_sm_RP_PRI_impl },
10045    { BER_CLASS_CON, 2, BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG, dissect_serviceCentreAddress_impl
     •   },
10046    { BER_CLASS_CON, 6, BER_FLAGS_OPTIONAL|BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG,
     •   dissect_extensionContainer_impl },
10047    { BER_CLASS_CON, 7, BER_FLAGS_OPTIONAL|BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG,
     •   dissect_gprsSupportIndicator_impl },
10048    { BER_CLASS_CON, 8, BER_FLAGS_OPTIONAL|BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG,
     •   dissect_sm_RP_MTI_impl },
10049    { BER_CLASS_CON, 9, BER_FLAGS_OPTIONAL|BER_FLAGS_IMPLTAG,
     •   dissect_sm_RP_SMEA_impl },
10050    { 0, 0, 0, NULL }
10051  };
10052
10053  static int
10054  dissect_gsm_map_RoutingInfoForSMArg(gboolean implicit_tag _U_, tvbuff_t
     •  *tvb, int offset, packet_info *pinfo _U_, proto_tree *tree, int hf_index
     •  _U_) {
10055    offset = dissect_ber_sequence(implicit_tag, pinfo, tree, tvb, offset,
10056                                  RoutingInfoForSMArg_sequence, hf_index,
     •                                ett_gsm_map_RoutingInfoForSMArg);
10057
10058    return offset;
```

SAFE

ASN.1 SHIELDS FROM PROGRAMMING ERRORS

SAFE MACHINE CODE



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```
xor    %edi,%edi
mov    $0xffffffff,%r9d
mov    %r12,%rsi
xor    %edx,%edx
mov    %r14,%rcx
mov    %rbx,%r8
callq  b3b190 <_dissect_gsm_map_ms_CheckIMEI_Arg>
jmpq   b36b5d <_dissect_gsm_old_InvokeParameter+0x10ad>
xor    %edi,%edi
mov    %r12,%rsi
mov    %r15d,%edx
mov    %r14,%rcx
mov    %rbx,%r8
mov    -0x108(%rbp),%r9d
callq  b2ee50 <_dissect_gsm_map_IMEI>
jmpq   b36b5d <_dissect_gsm_old_InvokeParameter+0x10ad>
cmpl   $0x3,0x2e6e4bd(%rip)        # 39a46dc <_application_context_version>
jne    b36300 <_dissect_gsm_old_InvokeParameter+0x850>
mov    0x28(%r14),%r13
mov    0x1e160b9(%rip),%eax        # 294c2e8 <_ett_gsm_map_sm_MT_ForwardSM_Arg>
mov    %eax,0x8(%rsp)
movl   $0xffffffff,(%rsp)
xor    %edi,%edi
lea    0x269885d(%rip),%r9        # 31ceaa0 <_gsm_map_sm_MT_ForwardSM_Arg_sequence>
```

(SOME) TCAP/MAP TASKS FOR AN SS7 FIREWALL

- At TCAP level
  - Retrieve Application Context Name, to identify a set of operations and a version

```
subscriberDataMngtContext-v3  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
        {map-ac subscriberDataMngt(16) version3(3)}

tracingContext-v3  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::=
        {map-ac tracing(17) version3(3)}
```

(SOME) TCAP/MAP TASKS FOR AN SS7 FIREWALL

- At MAP level
  - Retrieve local opcode, to identify the message in the set of operations
  - Parse and process message parts

```
updateLocation  OPERATION ::= {
        ARGUMENT
                UpdateLocationArg
        RESULT
                UpdateLocationRes
        ERRORS {
                systemFailure |
                dataMissing |
                unexpectedDataValue |
                unknownSubscriber |
                roamingNotAllowed}
        CODE    local:2 }
```

```
UpdateLocationArg ::= SEQUENCE {
        imsi                    IMSI,
        msc-Number      [1] ISDN-AddressString,
        vlr-Number      ISDN-AddressString,
        lmsi                    [10] LMSI               OPTIONAL,
        extensionContainer      ExtensionContainer      OPTIONAL,
        ... ,
        vlr-Capability  [6] VLR-Capability      OPTIONAL,
        informPreviousNetworkEntity     [11]    NULL            OPTIONAL,
        cs-LCS-NotSupportedByUE [12]    NULL            OPTIONAL,
        v-gmlc-Address  [2]     GSN-Address     OPTIONAL,
        add-info                [13] ADD-Info   OPTIONAL,
```

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```

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        msc-Number      [1] ISDN-AddressString,
        vlr-Number      ISDN-AddressString,
        lmsi                    [10] LMSI               OPTIONAL,
        extensionContainer      ExtensionContainer      OPTIONAL,
        ... ,
        vlr-Capability  [6] VLR-Capability      OPTIONAL,
        informPreviousNetworkEntity     [11]    NULL            OPTIONAL,
        cs-LCS-NotSupportedByUE [12]    NULL            OPTIONAL,
        v-gmlc-Address  [2]     GSN-Address     OPTIONAL,
        add-info                [13] ADD-Info   OPTIONAL,
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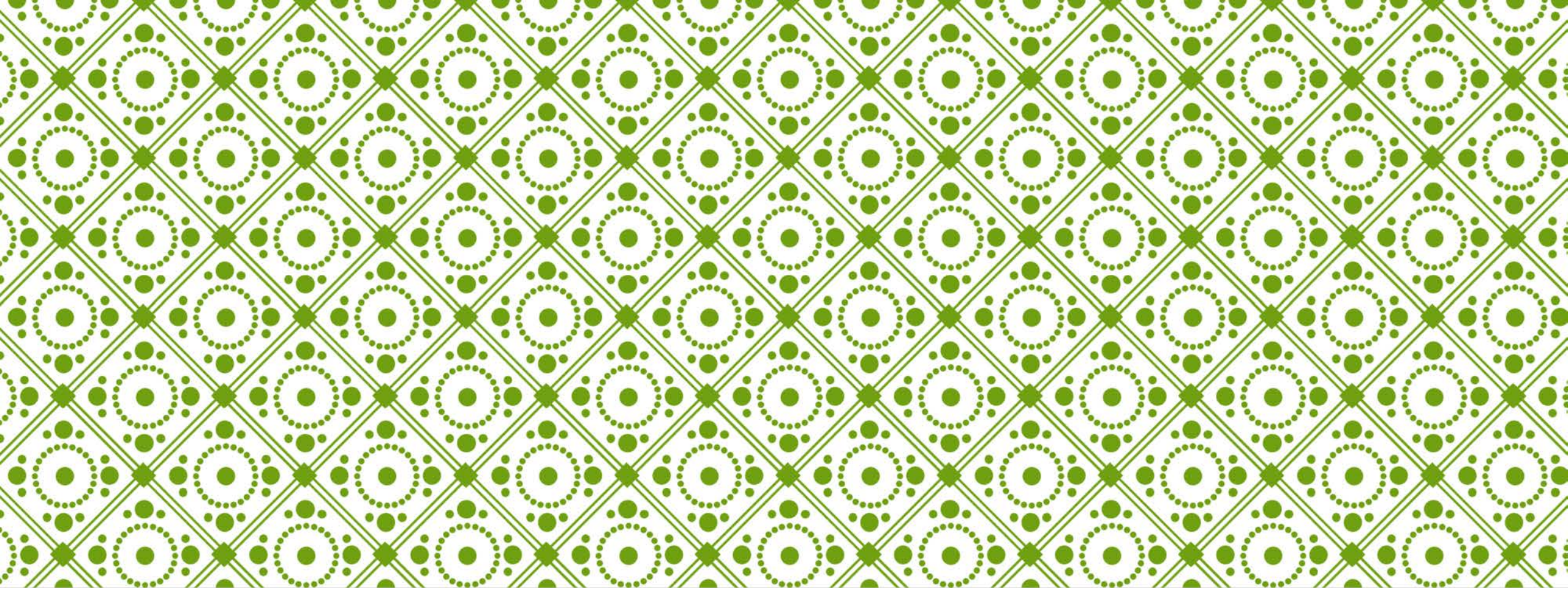
ASN1 INTEGER primitive type is signed, and may be wider than actual machine width

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 5G will not make legacy networks disappear, protection mecanisms are required
- Vulnerabilites may sometimes be remotely exploited via SIGTRAN

- Legacy makes solution design clumsy
- Lack of hardening makes vulnerabilities easy to exploit

- Enhance hardening measures
  - Follow best practices for software robustness
  - Ensure mandatory access control
  - Fuzz efficiently every bit of software exposed to the wild



THANK YOU

REMINDER: WEAKNESSES

- IP/SCTP/SCCP
  - Abuse segmentation & fragmentation to evade detection
- SCCP
  - CWE-125 Out-of-bounds memory access, causing a denial of service during parsing
  - CWE-789 Uncontrolled memory allocation during GT parsing
  - CWE-120 Buffer copy without checking size of input during reassembly
- TCAP/MAP
  - CWE-121 Stack-based buffer overflow in ASN1 primitive types
  - CWE-129 Improper validation of Array Index of MAP localOpcode
  - CWE-122 Heap-based buffer overflow in ASN1 constructed types