

Hardening your embedded system with Secure Elements

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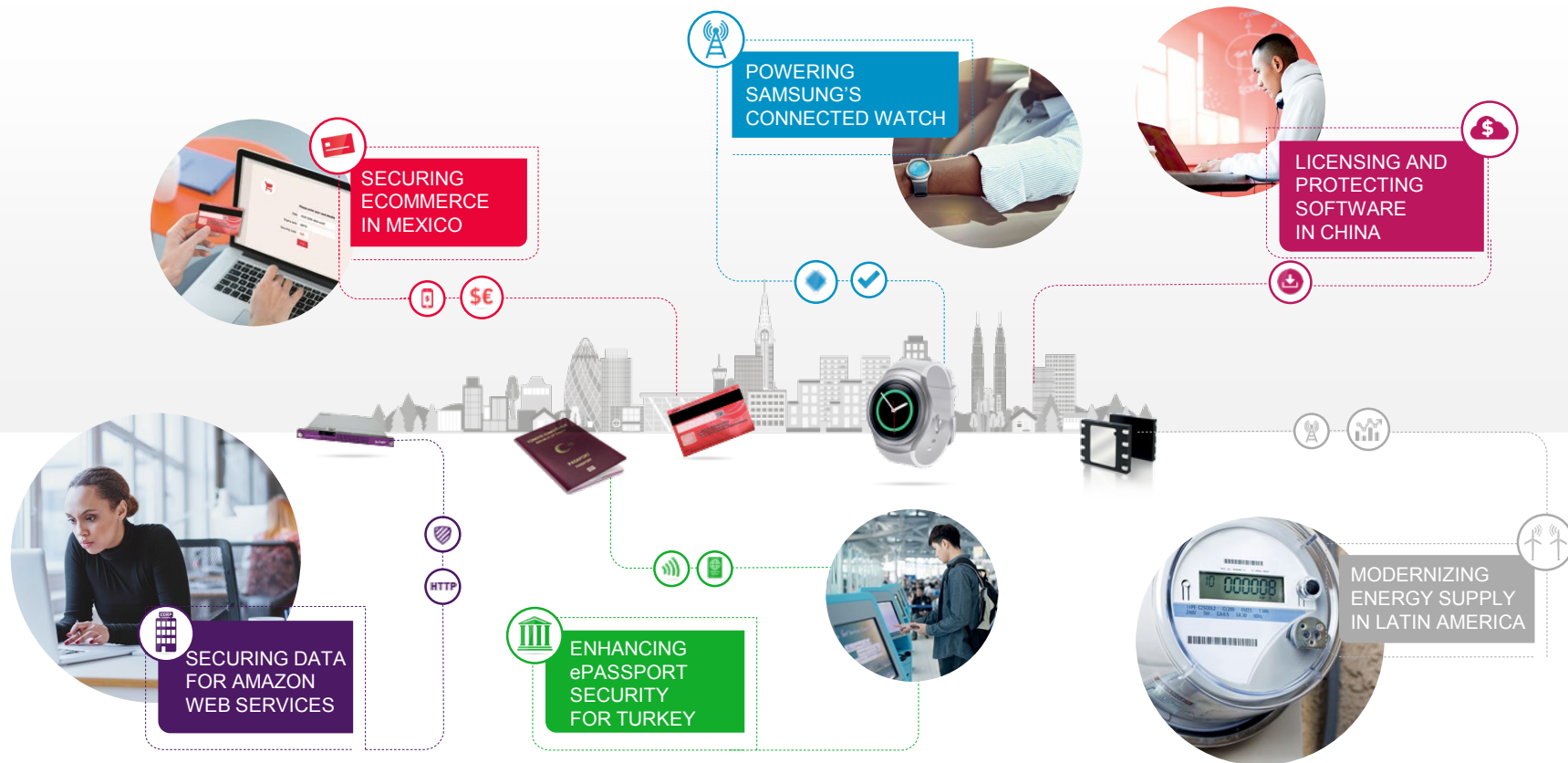
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We enable trust in two interlocking ways...

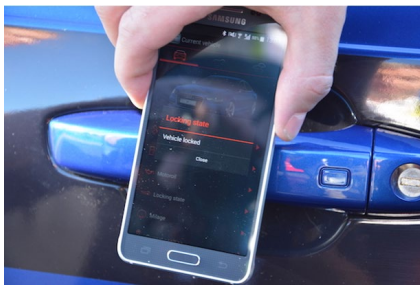


...by developing **secure, innovative software.**

Our solutions are at the heart of modern life



We also secure cars (CES 2015)

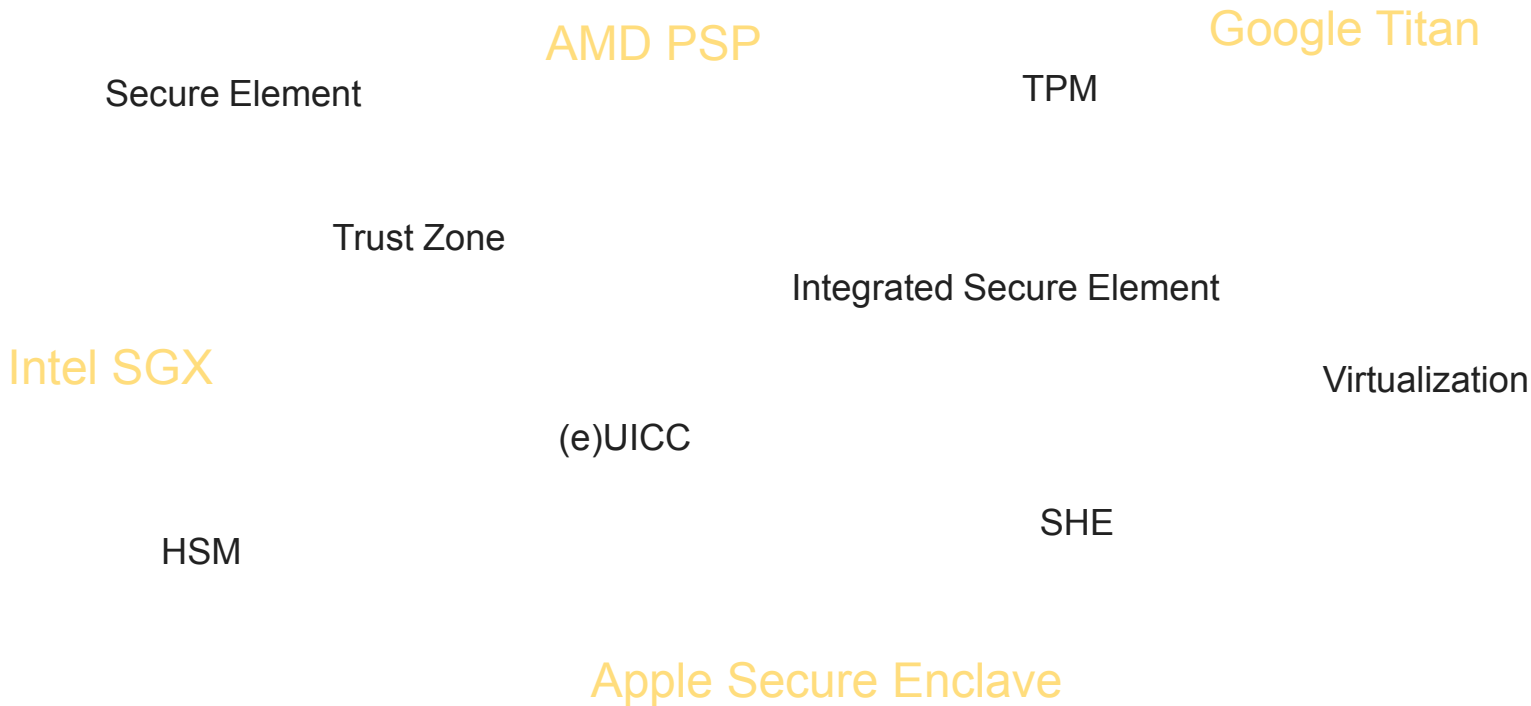


We also secure cars



- Car access granted for the next 48 h
- Young driver: speed limited to 90 km/h
- Insurance limitation: geo-fencing within EU

Which security solution shall be used?



Agenda

- ✧ Motivating example
- ✧ Security needs and classical solutions for IT world
- ✧ Sorting-out the available solutions for embedded world
- ✧ Introducing Multiple Levels of Security

Why **trust**?

- ✧ Management of sensitive **devices**

- ✧ Car engine, batteries, doors, ...

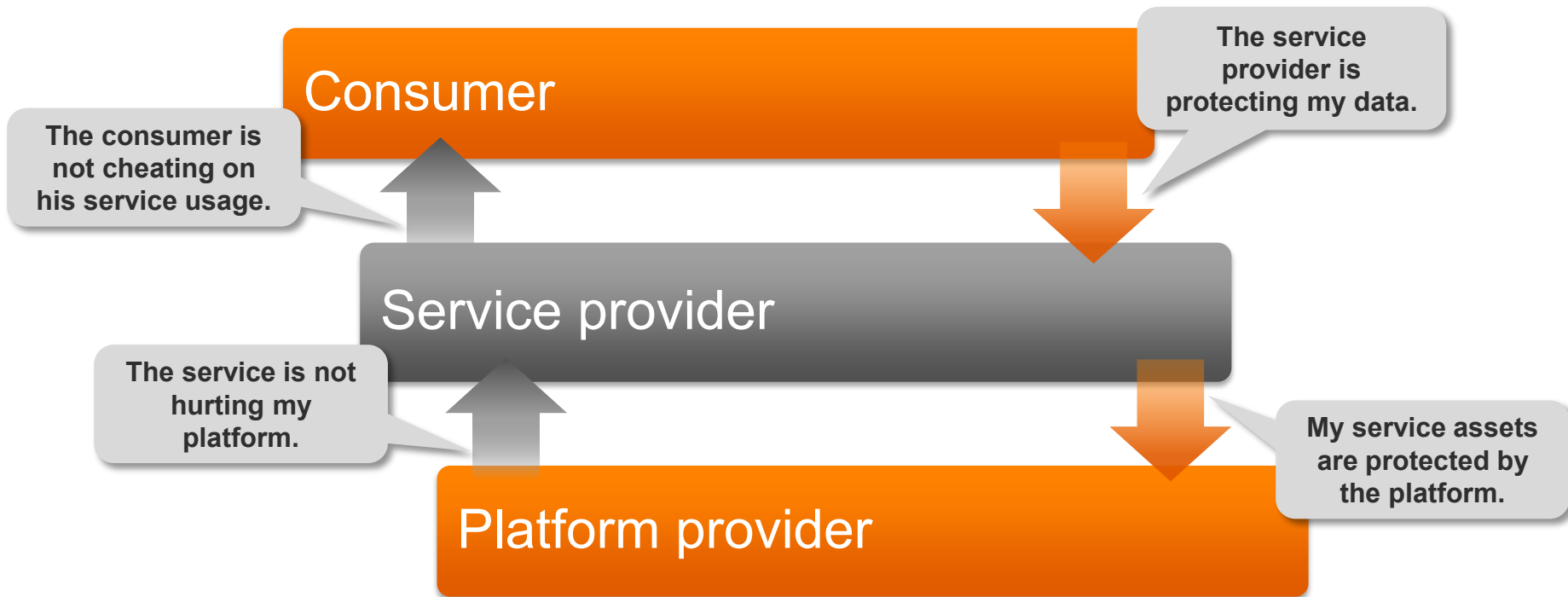
- ✧ Management of sensitive **transactions**

- ✧ Car sharing, car renting, mobility as a service
 - ✧ Energy: (not) consuming, storing ...
 - ✧ Peer-to-peer transactions

- ✧ Management of sensitive **data**

- ✧ Location / presence, behavior / driving patterns, voice streaming, ...

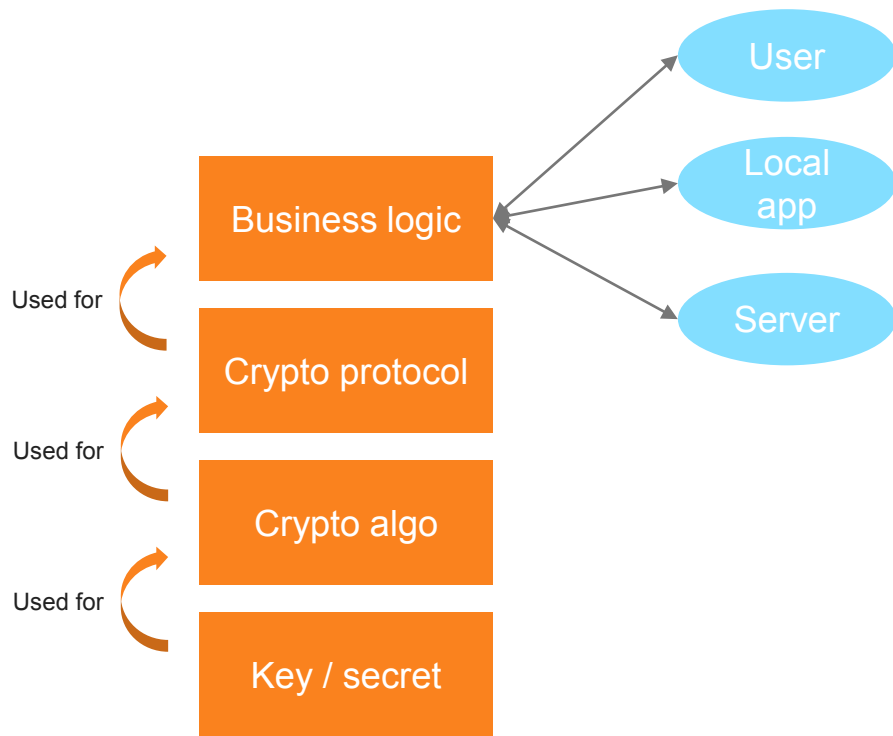
Trust **relationships**



How to **enable trust**?



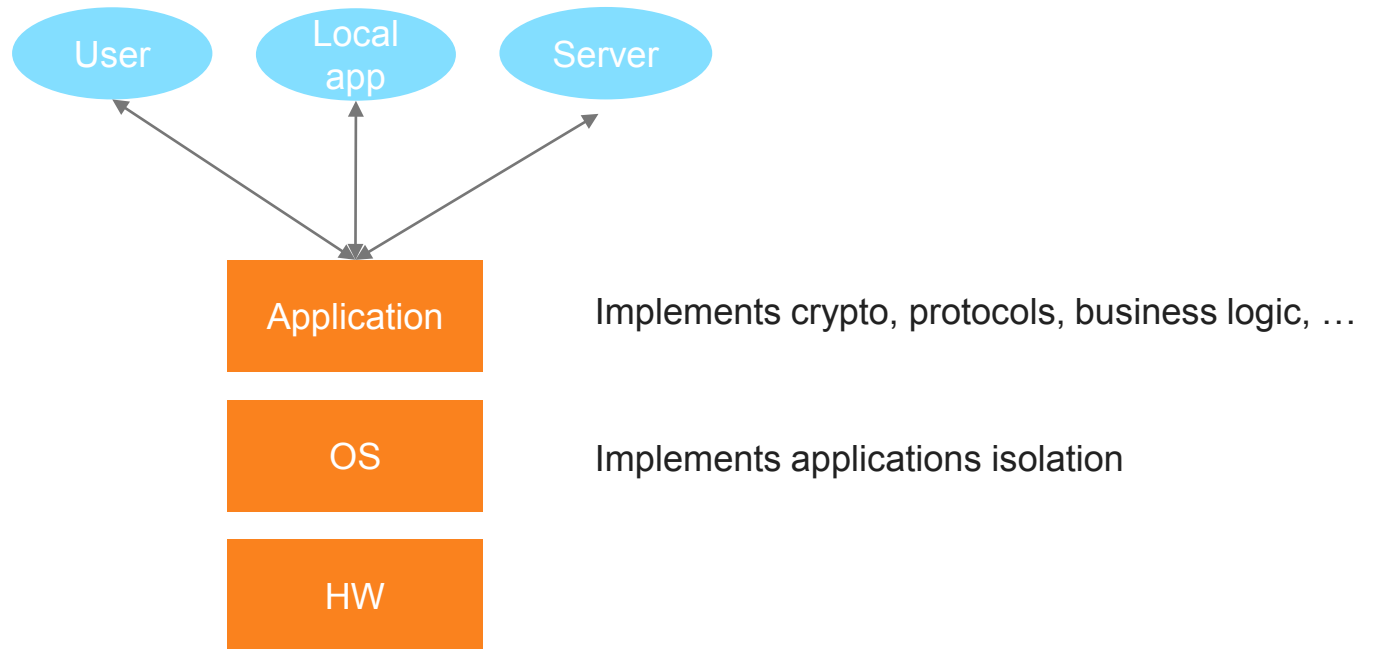
What do we need as (security) developers ?



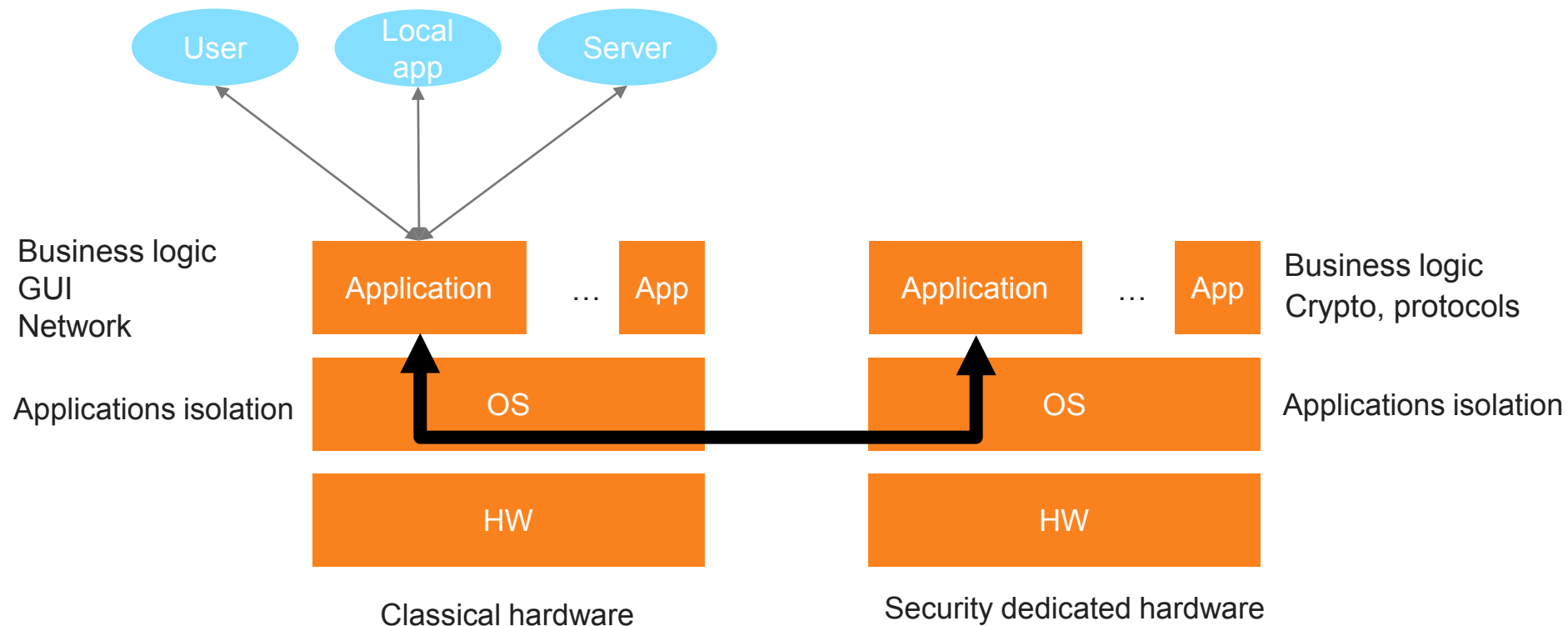
Opening car example



Simple implementation



Distributed implementation



Classical IT solutions



Classical hardware

Soldered

Closed execution environment



TPM



Titan-M
Secure Enclave



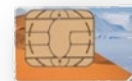
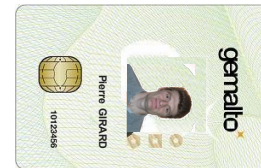
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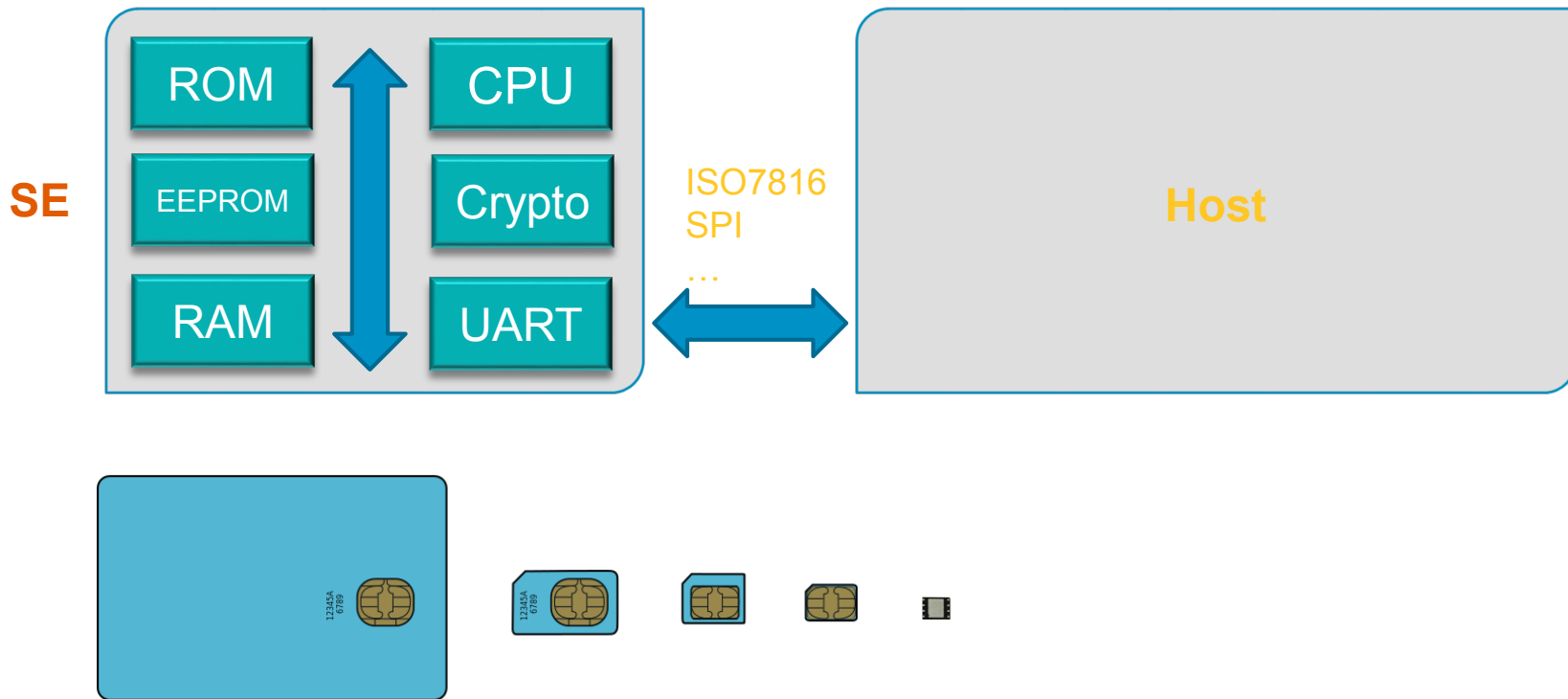
Security dedicated HW

Removable



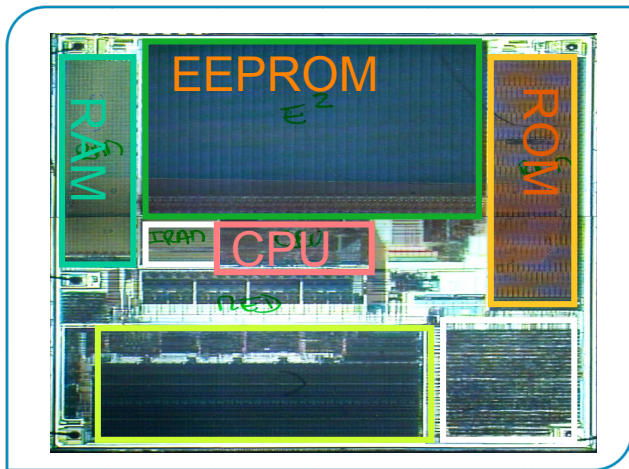
- Tamper resistant
- Managed
- Highly tested
- Certified

HW architecture of a **Secure Element**



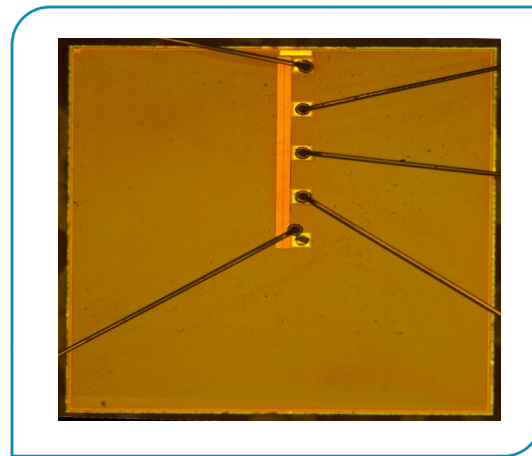
Tamper resistance at chip level

Classical hardware



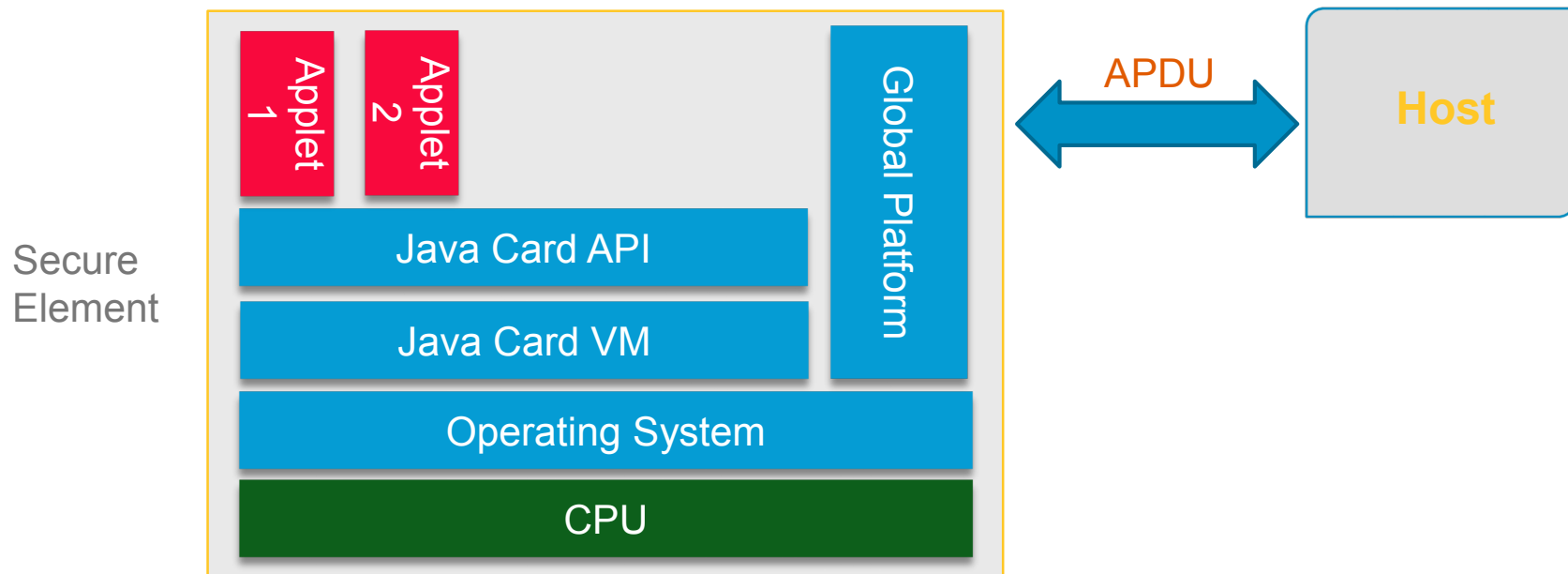
- ✖ Blocks can be easily identified
- ✖ No shield
- ✖ No glue logic
- ✖ Buses clearly visible

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- ✖ Shield
- ✖ Glue logic
- ✖ No Buses visible
- ✖ Memories and buses encryption
- ✖ Sensors

SW architecture of a **Secure Element**



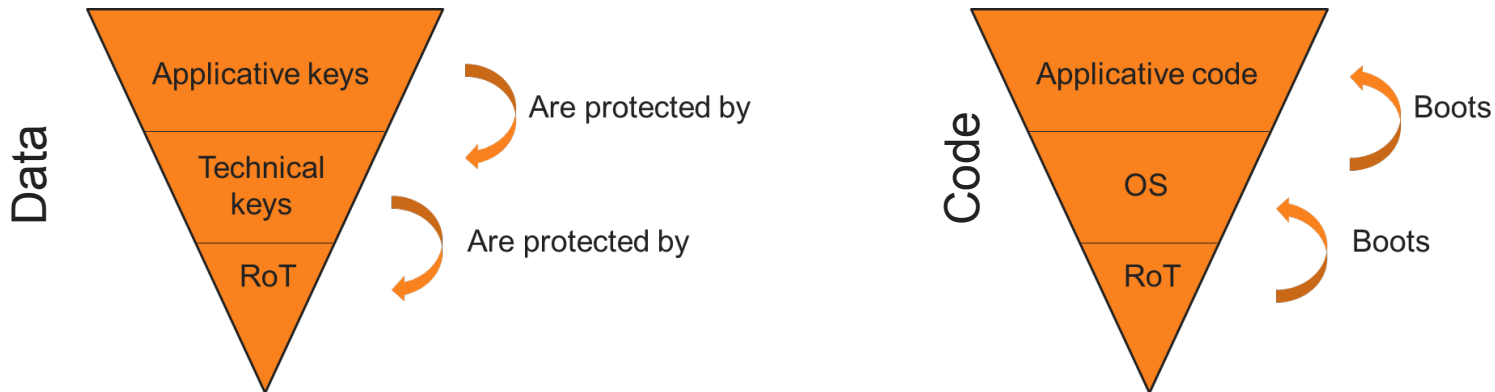
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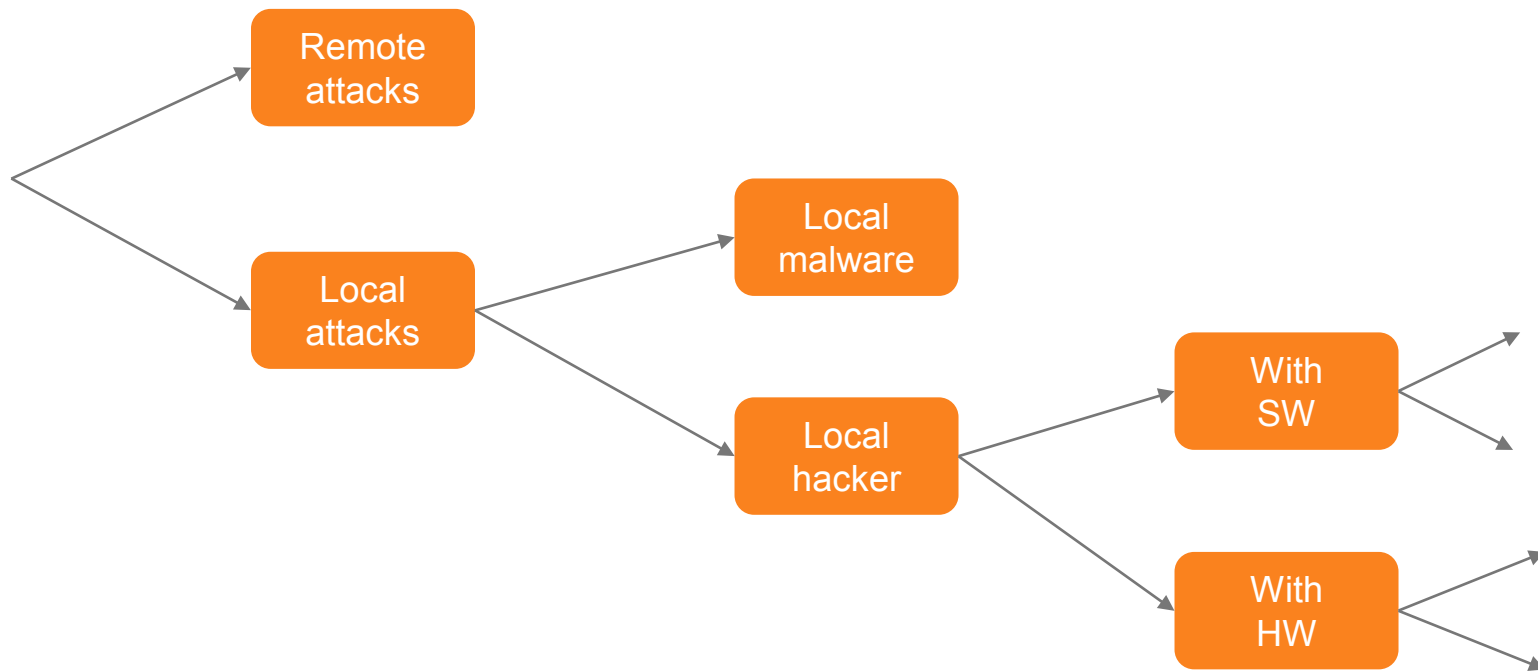
Which security are we looking for ?

	Confidentiality	Integrity
Code	Proprietary algorithms	Business logic
Data	Keys	Certificates

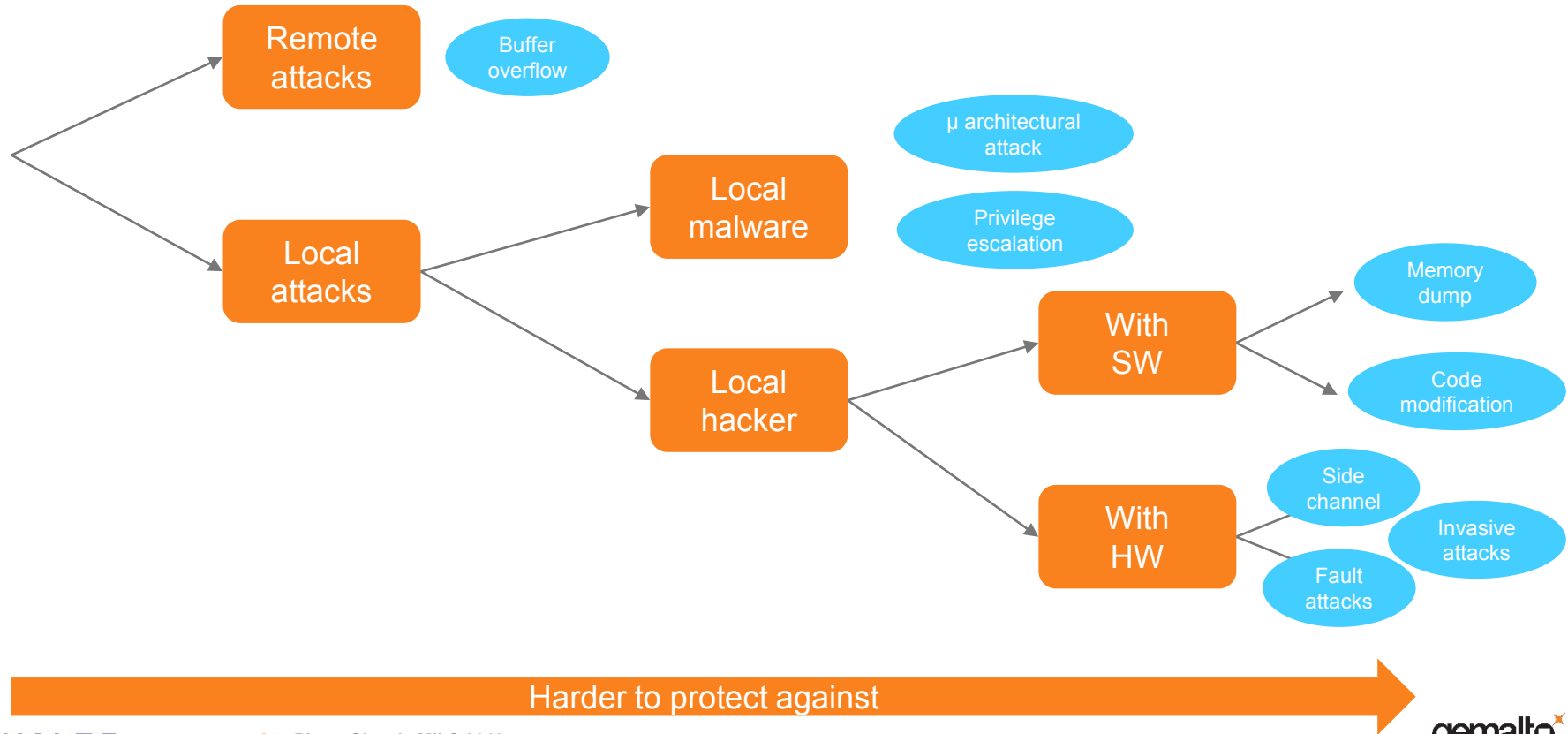
The Root of Trust model for non monolithic hardware



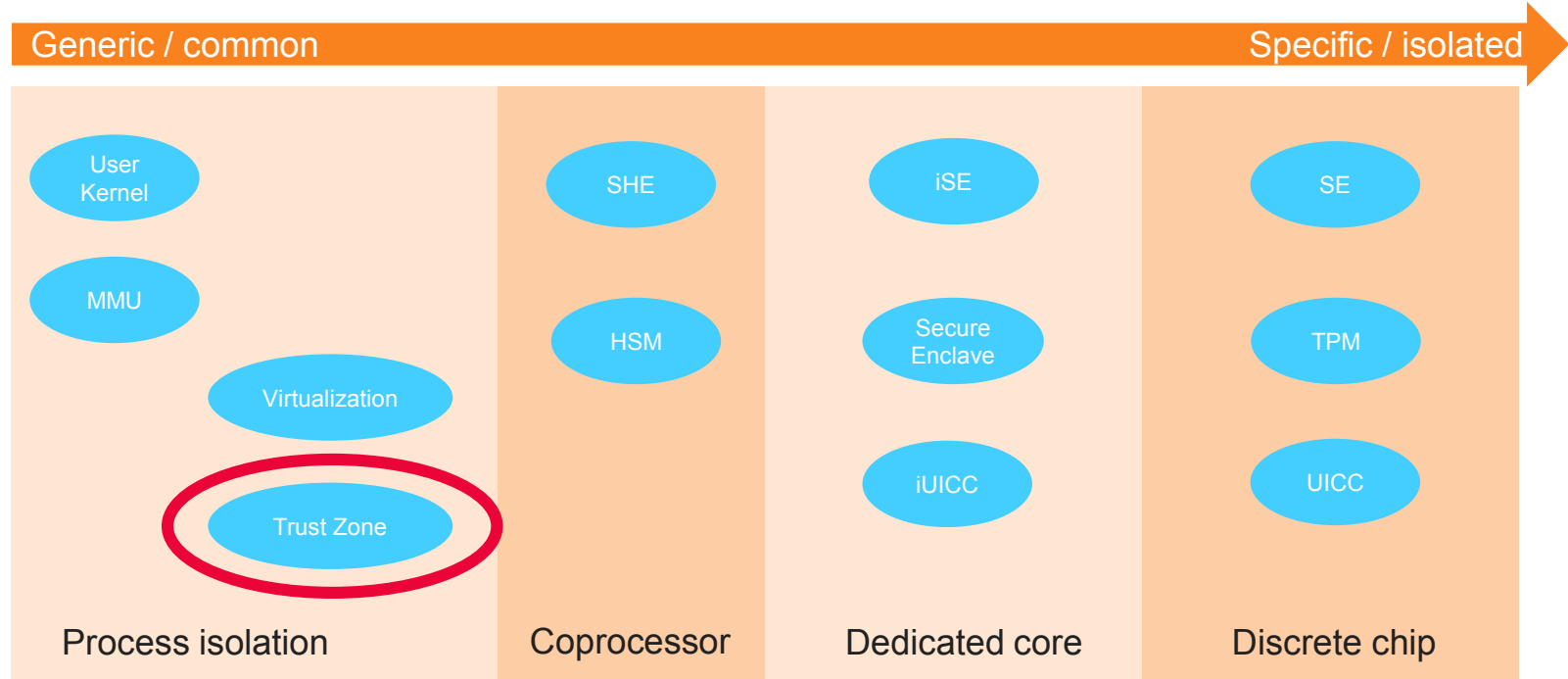
Which attack model ?



Mapping some attacks



Secure hardware classification



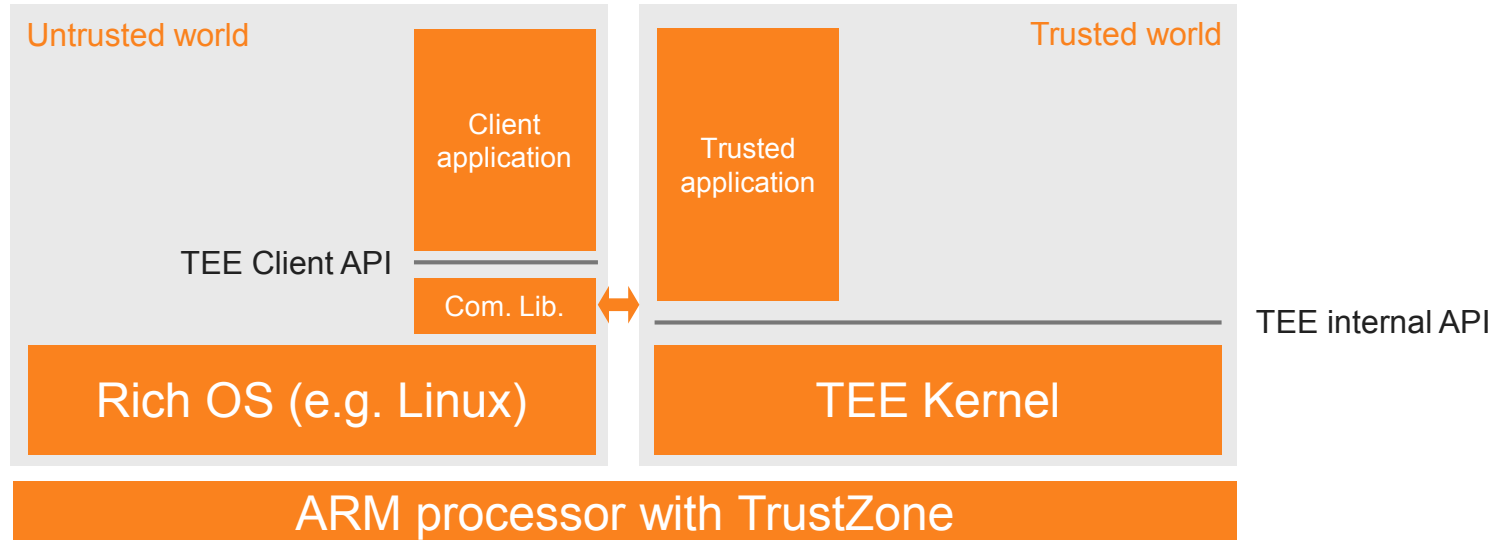
Dedicated memory ?

TEE 101

- ✧ TEE = Trusted Execution Environment
- ✧ Relies on ARM Trust Zone hardware feature
 - ✧ Trusted / Untrusted world partition (extended to peripherals)
- ✧ Rich OS runs in Untrusted world, TEE runs in Trusted world
- ✧ TEE and Rich OS run on the same processor, no tamper resistance

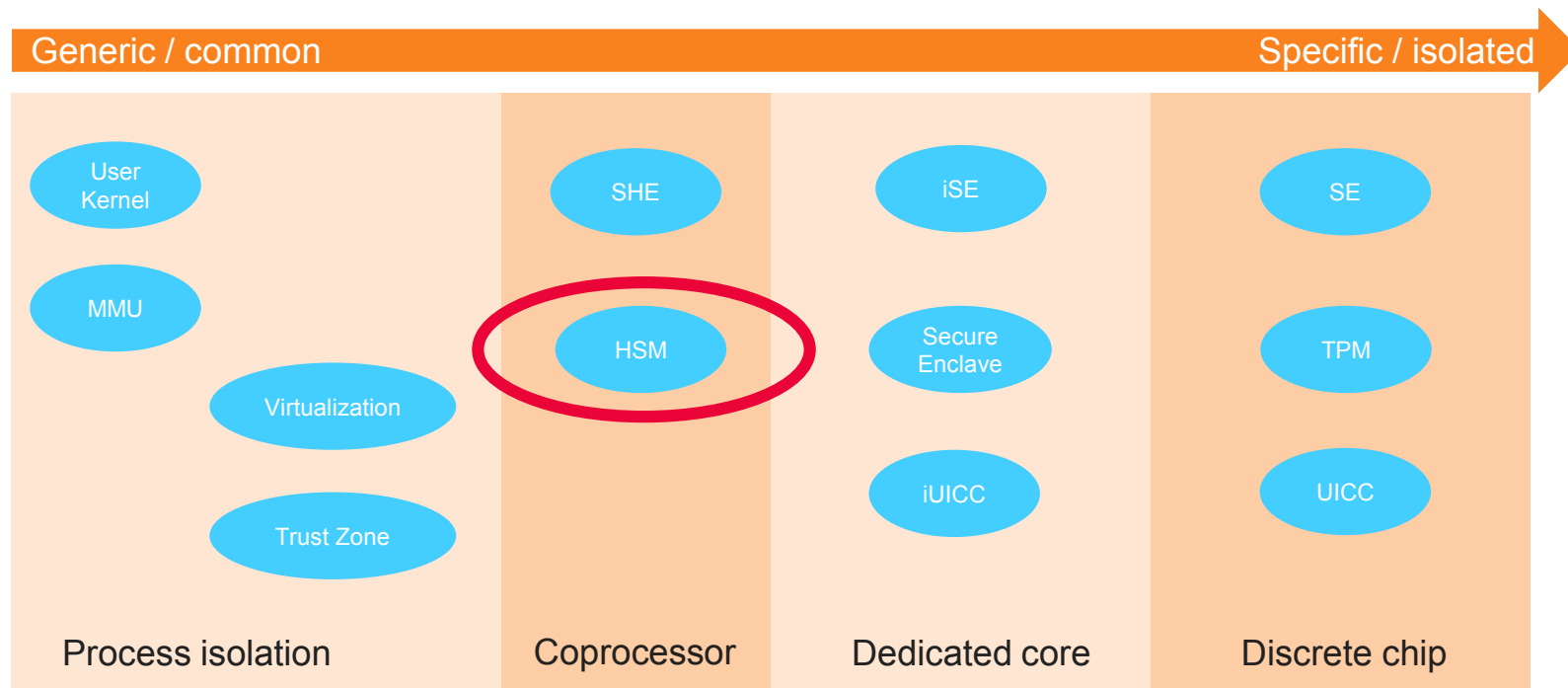
	Rich OS	TEE
Attack surface	Very large	Very limited
New features	Frequent	Very limited
Vulnerabilities discovery	Frequent	Very limited
Focus	Features, speed	Security

System architecture with TEE



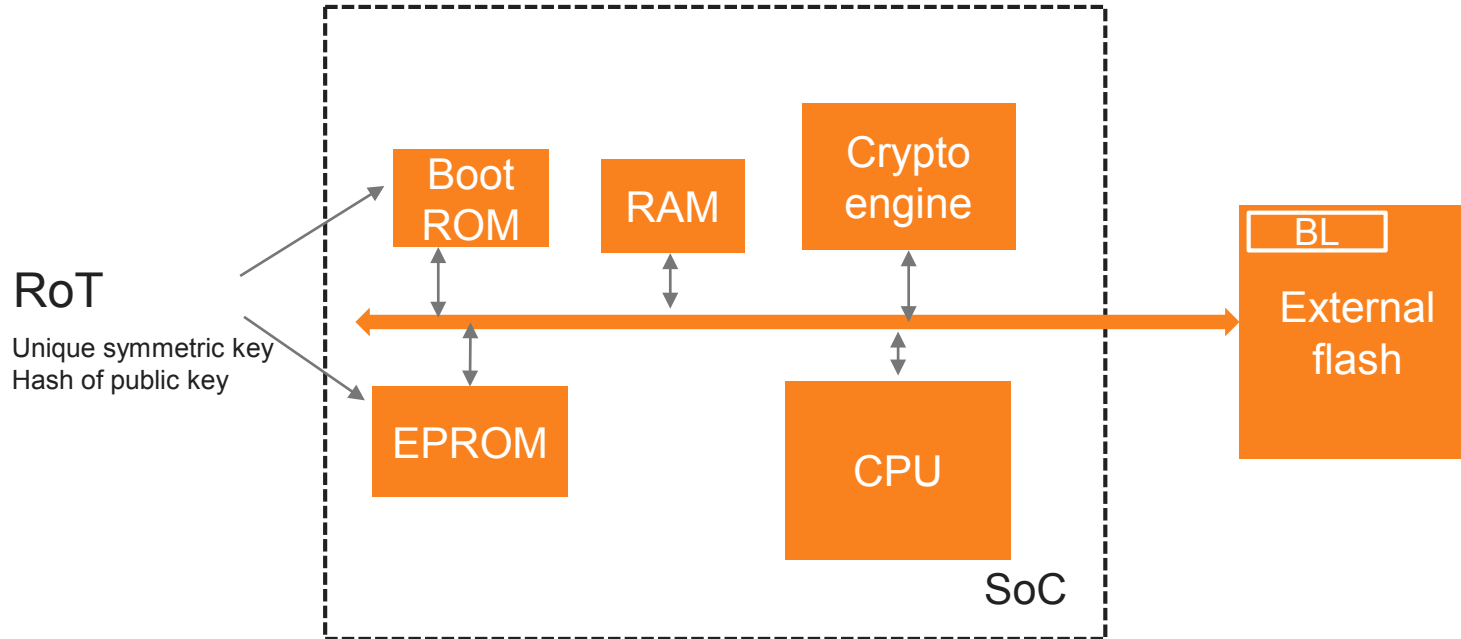
Remarks: not all TEE allow third party developers to write and load their own TA

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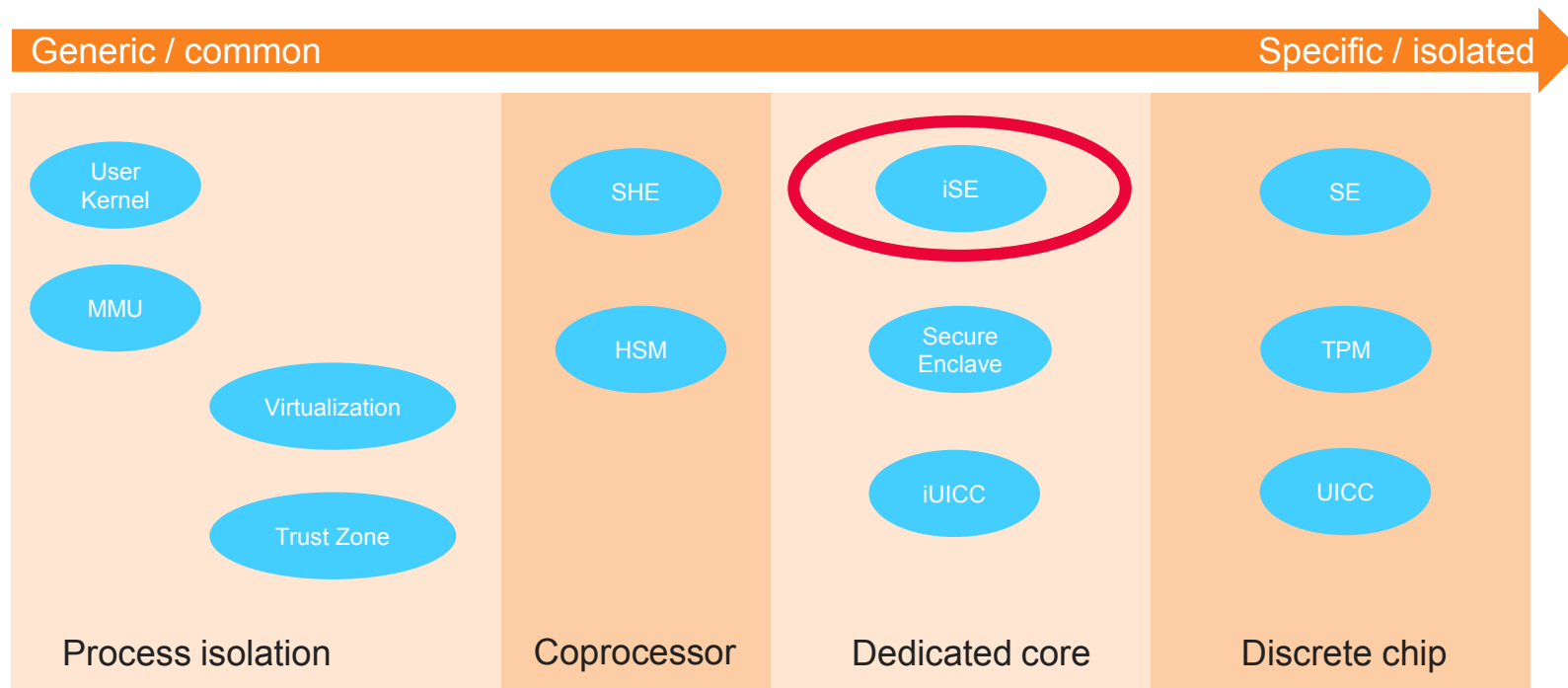


Dedicated memory ?

System on Chip approach with crypto-coprocessor: NXP iMX.n



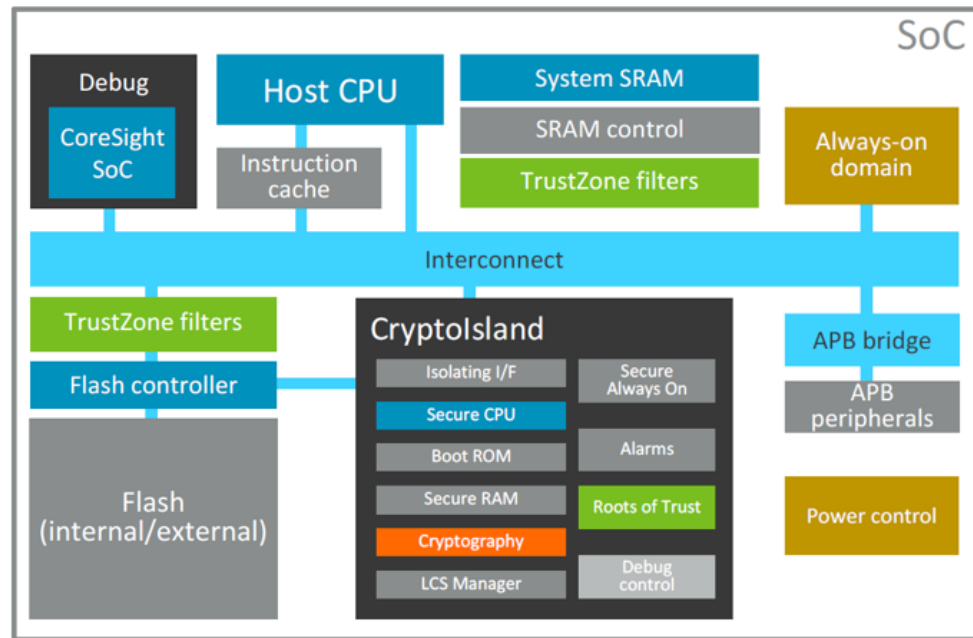
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System on Chip approach with dedicated core: ARM CryptotIsland

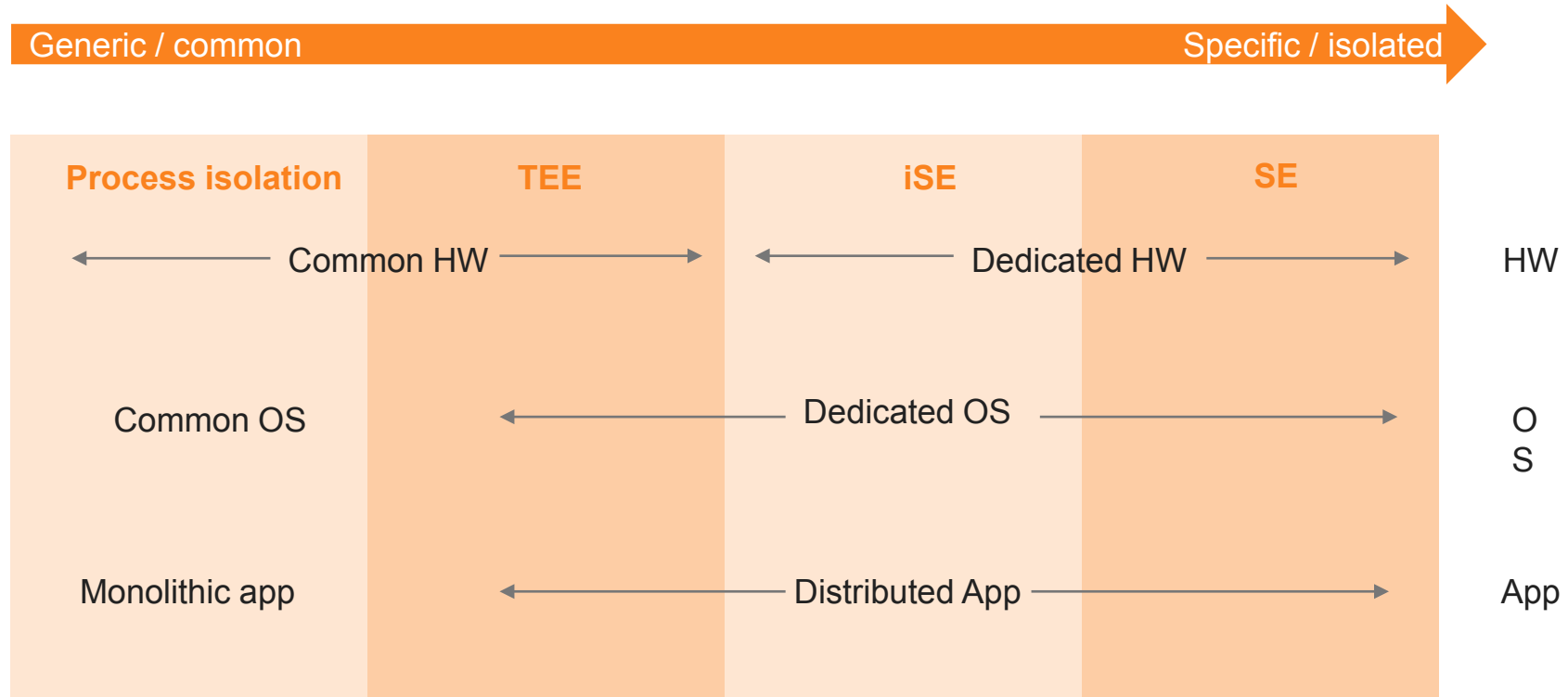
- A programmable security enclave to extend fixed function CryptoCell family
- **TrustZone CryptotIslands - an additional family of security solutions by Arm**
- Aimed at providing on-die security services, in a physically isolated manner (host CPU agnostic)
- Axiom: less sharing of resources leads to smaller attack surface and fewer vulnerabilities
- Certification, at a reasonable cost (i.e. reuse)



arm TechCon 2017

Support ARM v8-m & v7-m

Hardware security robustness on 4 solutions



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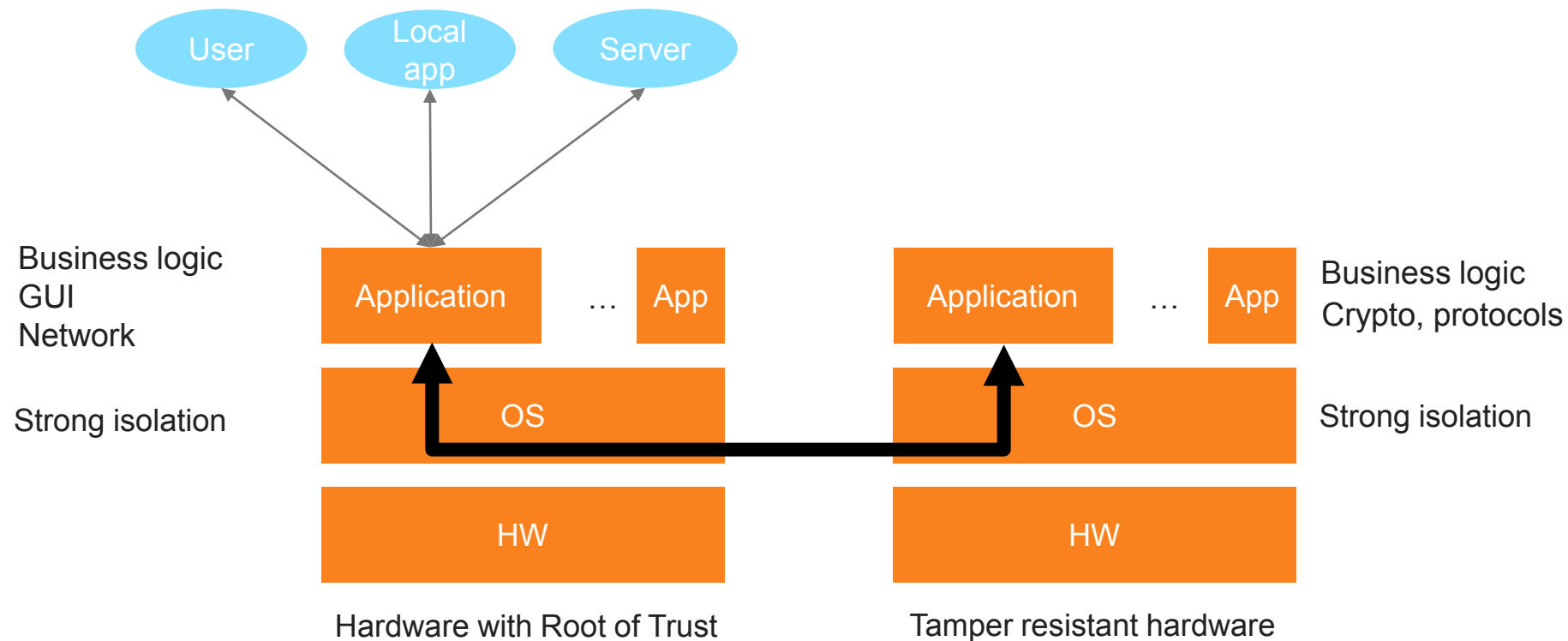
And what about certification ?

- ✧ Assurance versus resistance
- ✧ Target of Evaluation (IP versus product)
- ✧ Complexity limits ?
- ✧ Production ?
- ✧ Typical certification
 - ✧ TEE: EAL2+/3
 - ✧ SE: EAL5+/EAL6+

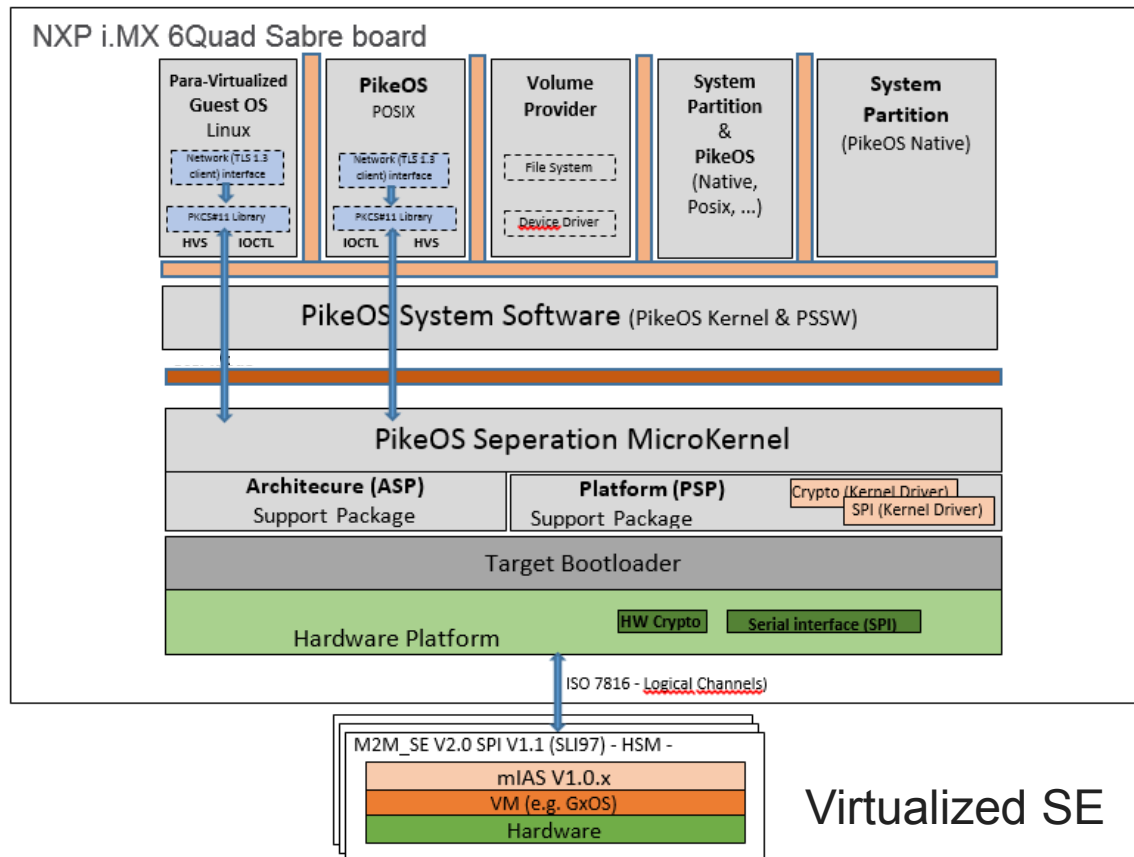
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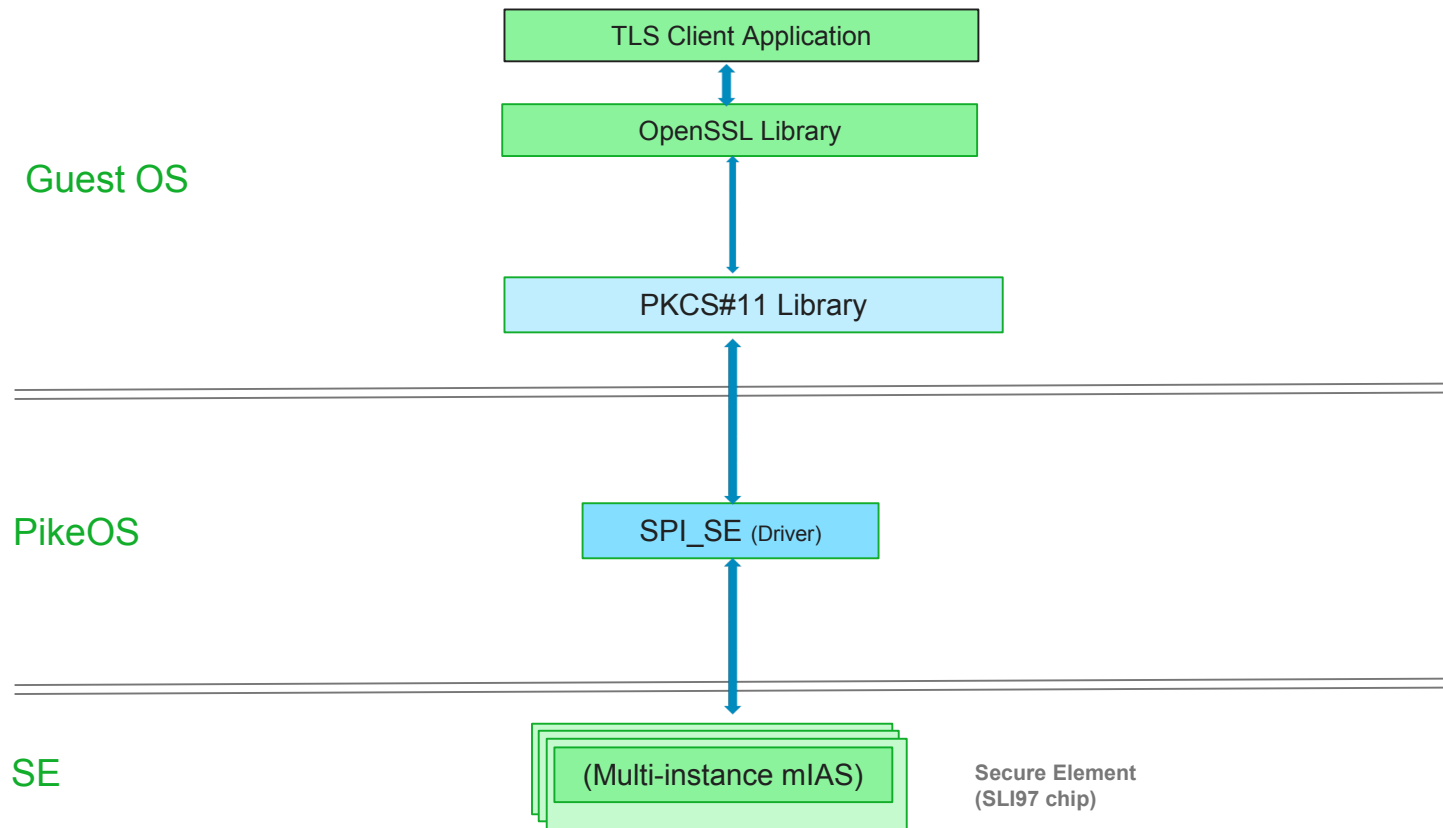
The ideal world: Multiple Levels of Security



Case study: TLS on PikeOS / iMX.6 + SE



Layered Software Architecture



Take away

- ✧ Hardware security landscape still needs clarification
- ✧ Security model and requirements are key to pick a solution
- ✧ Security design patterns still need to be established
- ✧ Certification is mandatory to establish trust