

Property-Based Attestation Approach and Virtual TPM

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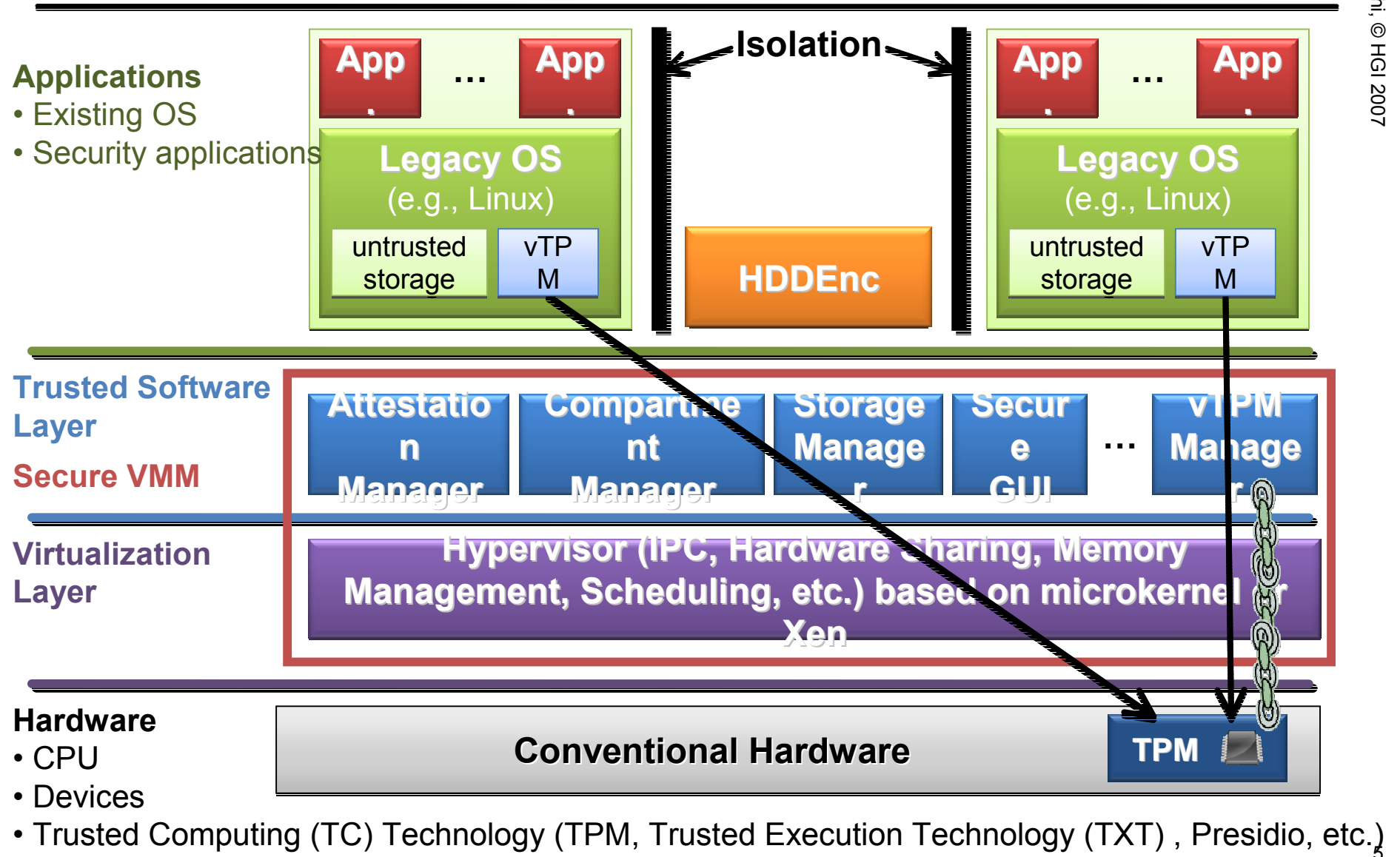
§ Motivation

§ Trusted Virtualization

Motivation

- **Hardware virtualization a (re-discovered / re-invented) useful means to reduce to total cost**
 - apparent in corporate data centers
 - however, workloads should be processed separately due to diversity of security objectives of the involved parties (see [Barham et al 2003, Sailer et al 2005])
- **Combine hypervisors (Virtual Machine Monitors) with hardware-based root of trust**
 - Hypervisors provide isolations of workloads
 - mediating access to physical resources by virtual machines
 - Hardware root of trust is resistant to software attacks and provides a basis for reasoning about the integrity of SW running on a platform

Possible Architecture



Components

- **TC enabled hardware**
- **Trusted Service Layer**
 - Trust Manager: controls access to TPM interface
 - Compartment Manager
 - manages creation, updates, and deletion of compartments
 - measures compartments and assigns unique IDs to them
 - Storage manager
 - guarantees trusted storage, i.e., authenticity, confidentiality and integrity (and freshness) of stored data
 - has access to configuration of clients it is communicating to over trusted channel
 - Secure GUI
 - guarantees a trusted path to application
- **Virtualization Layer**
 - provides abstraction of physical machine
 - Provides isolation between virtual machines

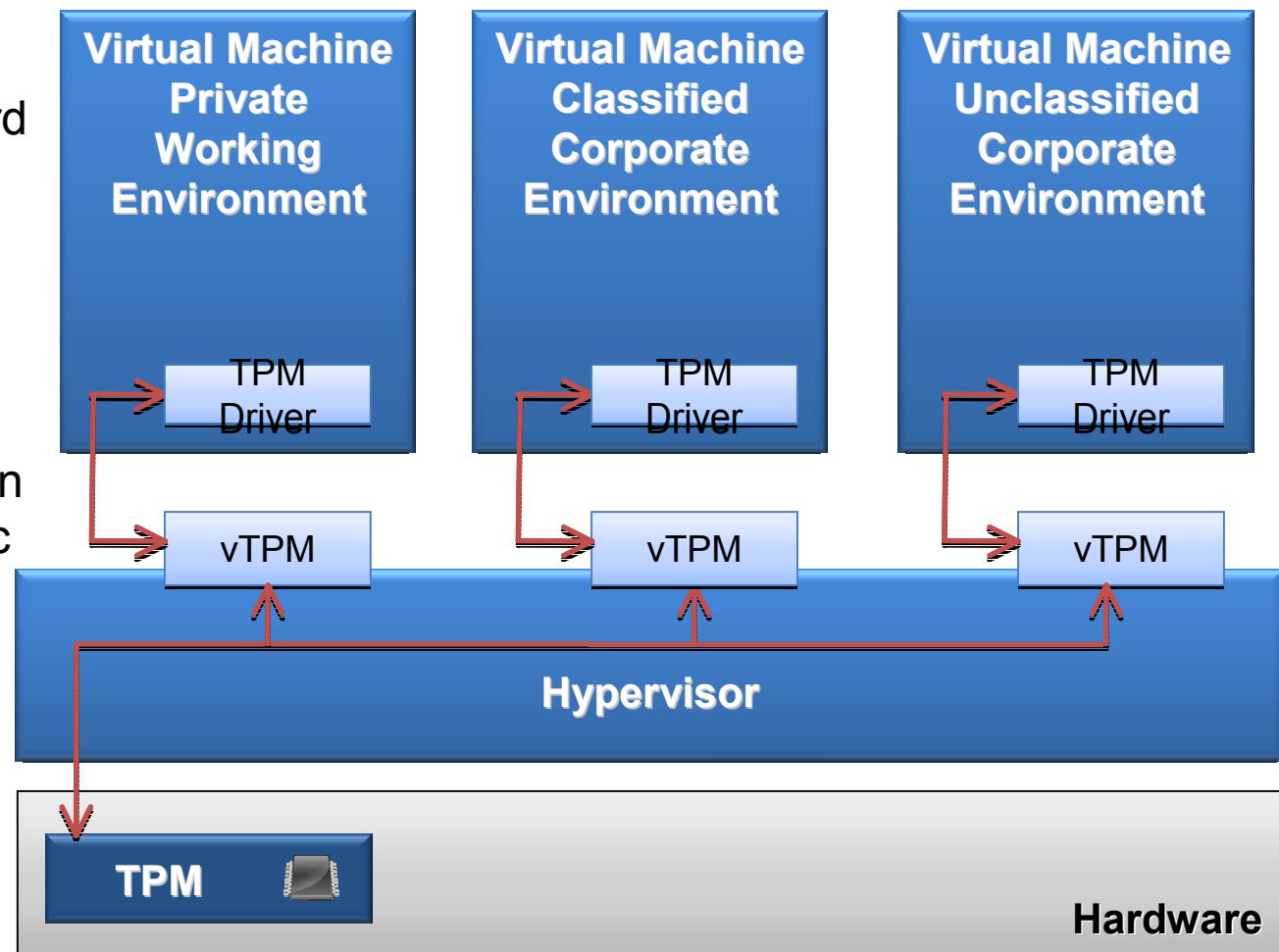
Use Case: Corporate Computing

Private Environment

- e.g., Protection of hard disk encryption application

Corporate Environment

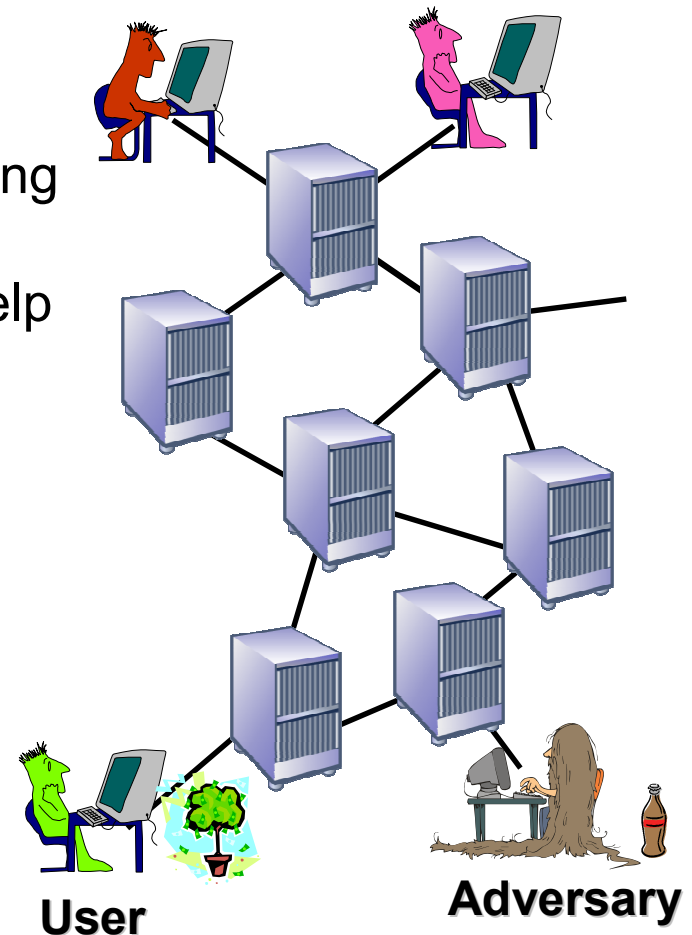
- Classified: Stronger security requirement on usage of encryption keys bound to specific hardware
- Unclassified: migrate working environment at home



request/response path between vTPM-Manager, vTPMs and the hardware TPM

The Big Picture

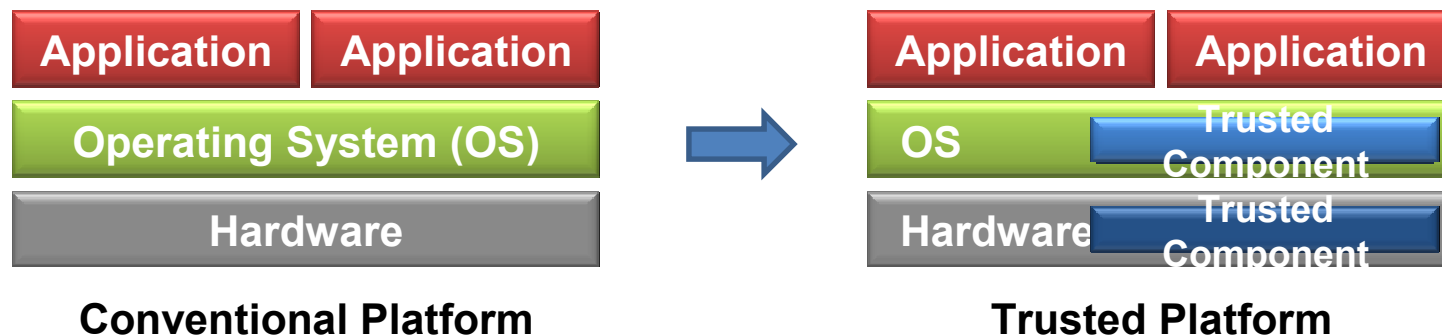
- **Trustworthiness in distributed IT systems**
 - Different parties with potentially conflicting requirements involved
 - Cryptographic methods are of limited help
 - Example applications (signatures, Grid, online voting and banking,)
- **How to define „trustworthiness“?**
- **How to determine/verify it?**
- **How could common computing platforms support such functionality?**
 - Even a secure OS cannot verify own integrity
- **The role of Trusted Computing**
 - Enable the reasoning about the



§ TCG Approach to Trusted Computing

Basic Idea for Trusted Platform

- **Trusted components in hardware and software**
- **Provides a variety of functions that must be trusted**
 - in particular a set of cryptographic and security functions
- **Creates a foundation of trust for software**
- **Provides hardware protection for sensitive data**
 - e.g., keys, counters, etc.
- **Desired goals**
 - Trusted Computing Base (TCB) should be minimized
 - Compatibility to commodity systems



Trusted Computing Group (TCG)

- **Consortium of IT-Enterprises (since April 2003)**
 - Today more than 120 members [TCG]
 - www.trustedcomputing.org/about/members/
- **Focus on development of hardware-enabled trusted computing and security technology across multiple platforms and devices**
- **Evolved from Trusted Computing Platform Alliance (TCPA)**
 - Formed by Hewlett-Packard (HP), Compaq (today part of HP), IBM, Intel and Microsoft in January 1999
- **Published various specifications**
- **Set up various working groups**

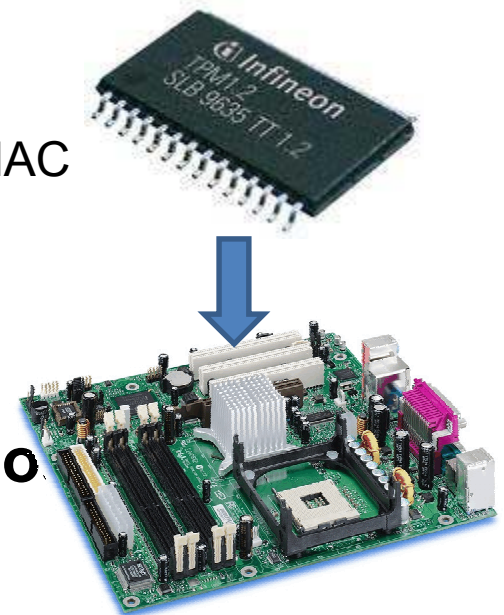
TCG Main Specification

- **Trusted Platform Module (TPM) [TPM2002, TPM2003, TPM2007]**
 - Provides a set of immutable cryptographic and security functions
- **Trusted Software Stack (TSS) [TSS2003, TSS2007]**
 - Issues low-level TPM requests and receives low-level TPM responses on behalf of higher-level applications

§ Trusted Platform Module: Main TCG Specification


Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

- **Current implementation is a cryptographic co-processor**
 - Hardware-based random number generation
 - Small set of cryptographic functions
 - Key generation, signing, encryption, hashing, MAC
- **Offers additional functionalities**
 - Secure storage (ideally tamper-resistant)
 - Platform integrity measurement and reporting
- **Embedded into the platform's motherboard**
- **Acts as a "Root of Trust"**
 - TPM must be trusted by all parties
- **Two versions of specification available**
- **Many vendors already ship their platforms with a TPM [TPMMatrix2006]**



TPM Architecture

System Interface
(e.g., LPC-Bus)




Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

Cryptographic Co-Processor

- Asymmetric en-/decryption (RSA)
- Digital signature (RSA)

SHA-1

HMAC

Random Number Generation

Key Generation

- Asymmetric keys (RSA)
- Symmetric keys
- Nonces

Platform Configuration Registers (PCR)

- Storage of integrity measurements

PCR[23]

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PCR[1]

PCR[0]

Input/Output

- Protocol en-/decoding
- Enforces access policies

Opt-In

- Stores TPM state information (e.g., if TPM is disabled)
- Enforces state-dependent limitations (e.g., some commands must not be executed if the TPM is disabled)

Execution Engine

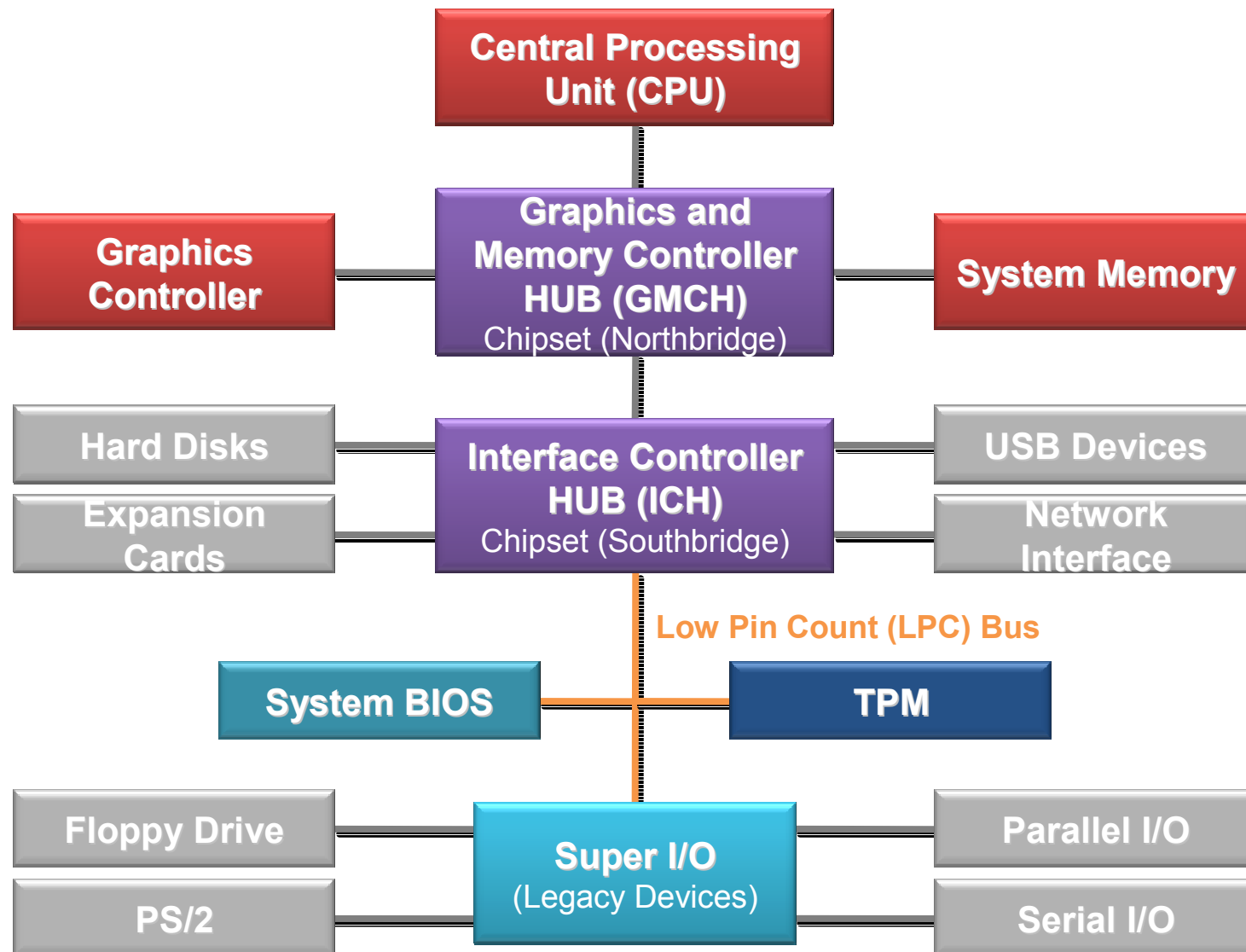
- Processes TPM commands
- Ensures segregation of operations
- Ensures protection of secrets

Non-Volatile Memory

- Stores persistent TPM data (e.g., the TPM identity or special keys)
- Provides read-, write- or unprotected storage accessible from outside the

TPM

TPM Integration into PC-Hardware



Integrity Measurement

- **Integrity Measurement**

- Process of obtaining metrics of platform characteristics that affect the integrity (trustworthiness) of a platform and storing digests of those metrics to the TPM's PCRs
 - Platform characteristic = digest of the software to be executed

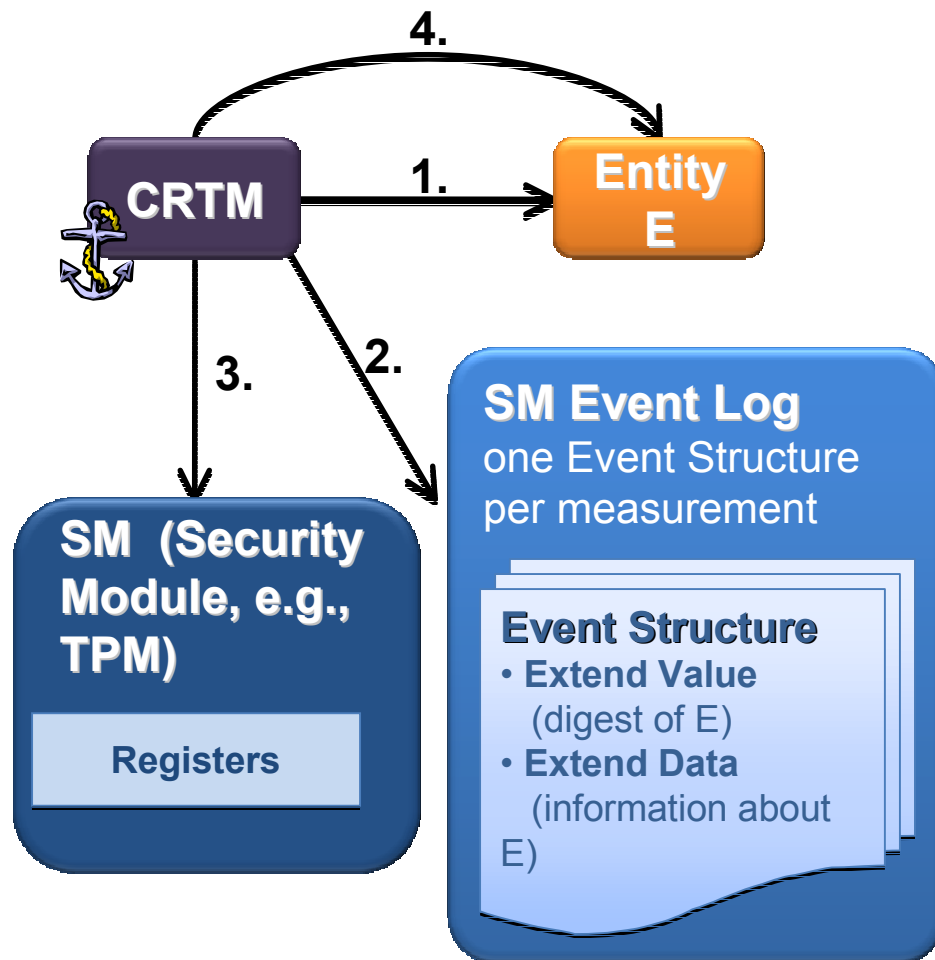
- **Platform Configuration Registers (PCR)**

- Shielded location to store integrity measurement values
- Can only be **extended**: $PCR_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{SHA-1}(PCR_i, \text{value})$
- PCRs are reset only when the platform is rebooted

- **Integrity Logging**

- Storing integrity metrics in a log for later use
- e.g., storing additional information about what has been measured like software manufacturer name, software name, version, etc.

Performing Integrity Measurements



- 1. CRTM measures entity E**
- 2. creates Event Structure in TPM Event Log**
 - SML contains the Event Structures for all measurements extended to the SM
 - SM Event Log can be stored on any storage device
 - E.g., hard disk
- 3. extends value into Registers**
- 4. Executes/passes control to Entity E**

CRTM: Core Root of Trust for Measurements

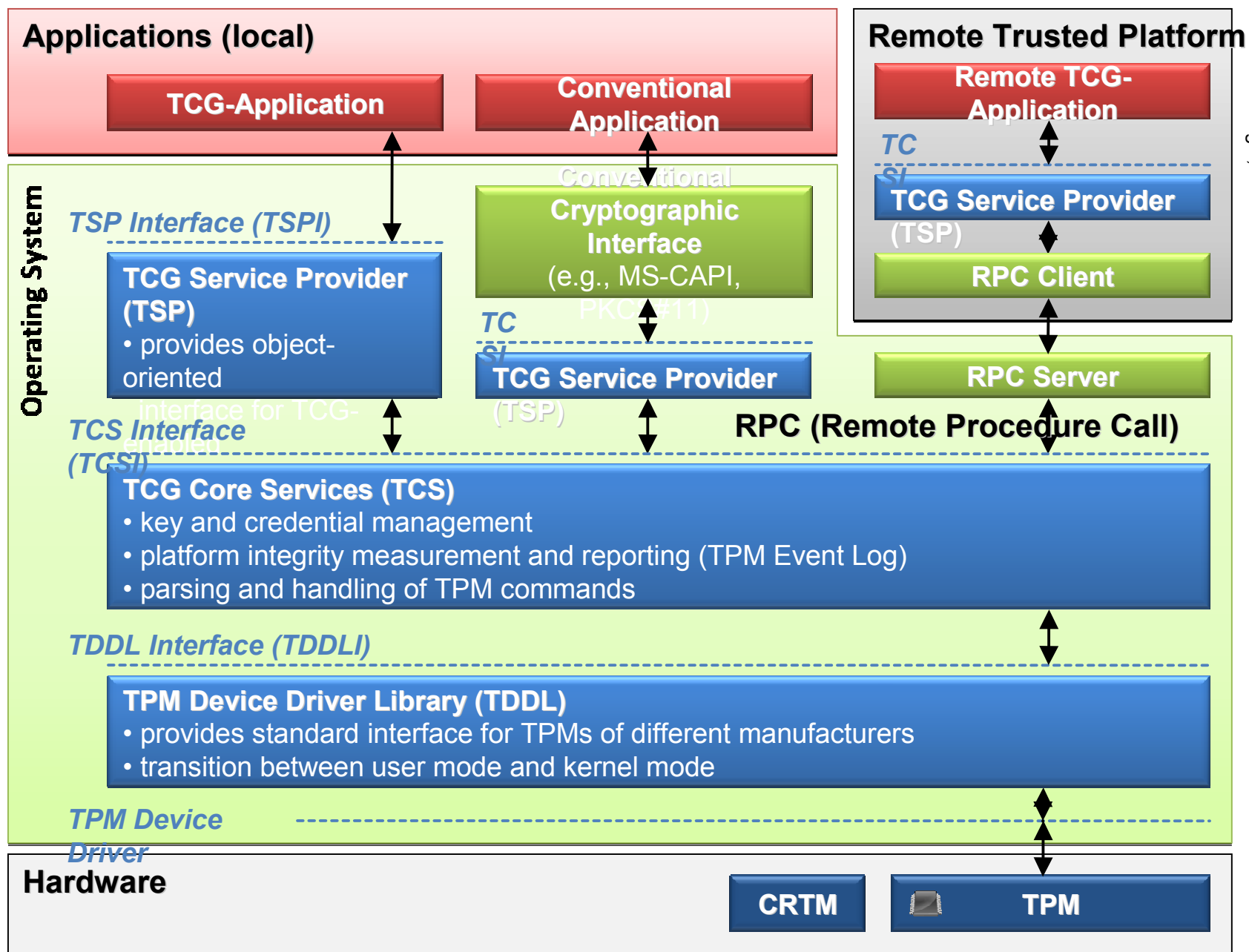
Core Root of Trust for Measurement (CRTM)

- Immutable portion of the host platform's initialization code that executes upon a host platform reset
- Trust in all measurements is based on the integrity of the CRTM
- Ideally the CRTM is contained in the TPM
- Implementation decisions may require to locate it in other firmware (e.g., BIOS boot block)

Two Possible CRTM Implementations

- **CRTM is the BIOS Boot Block**
 - BIOS is composed of a BIOS Boot Block and a POST BIOS
 - Each of these are independent components
 - Each can be updated independent of the other
 - BIOS Boot Block is the CRTM while the POST BIOS is not, but is a measured component of the Chain of Trust
- **CRTM is the entire BIOS**
 - BIOS is composed of a single atomic entity
 - Entire BIOS is updated, modified, or maintained as a single component

TPM Software Integration



TPM Keys

TPM Key Types

- **TPM provides 9 different types of keys**
 - 3 special TPM key types
 - Endorsement Key, Storage Root Key, Attestation Identity Keys
 - 6 general key types
 - Storage, signing, binding, migration, legacy and “authchange” keys
 - Most important key types explained in following slides
- **Each key may have additional properties, the most important ones are**
 - Migratable, non-migratable, certified migratable
 - e.g., whether the key is allowed to be migrated to another TPM
 - Whether the key is allowed only to be used when the

Special Keys

- **Endorsement key (EK)**
 - TPM identity
 - Generated and certified during manufacturing
 - RSA key
- **Attestation Identity Key (AIK)**
 - Used to sign to current platform configuration
 - Alias for TPM/platform identity EK
 - RSA key
 - TPM/platform may have multiple AIKs
- **Storage Root Key**
 - Secure data storage implemented as a hierarchy of keys
 - Storage Root Key (SRK) is root of this key hierarchy
 - Generated by TPM during process of installing TPM Owner

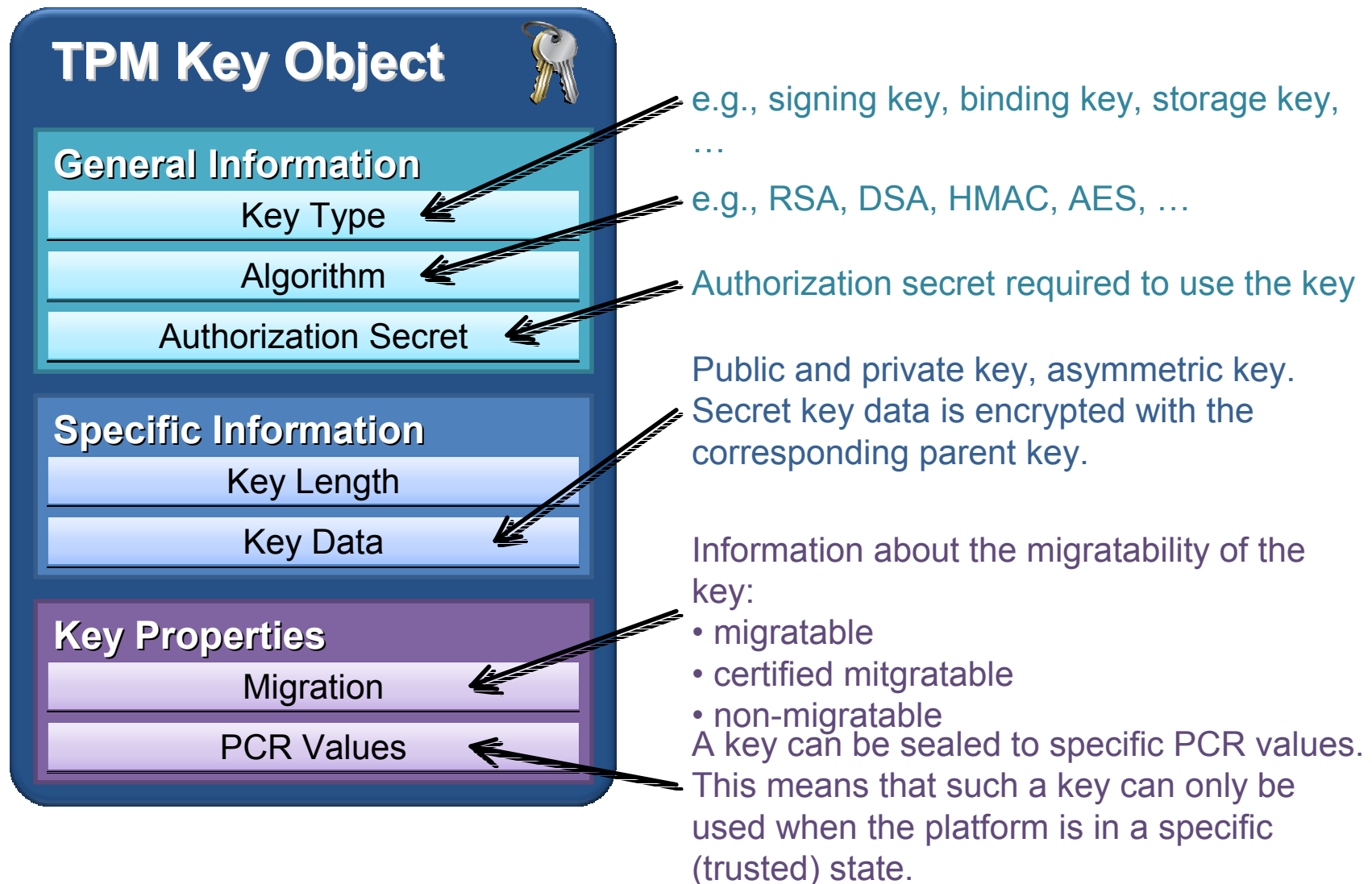
A → B means A encrypts B
A is called **parent key** of B

TPM Key Hierarchy



- Depth of hierarchy and number of TPM-protected keys only limited by size of external storage
- **Storage keys (StoreK)** protect all other key types
 - Attestation ID keys (AIK)
 - Signing keys (SigK)
 - Binding keys (BindK)
 - Migration Keys (MigrK)
 - Symmetric keys (SymK)
- **Transitive protection**
 - SRK indirectly protects

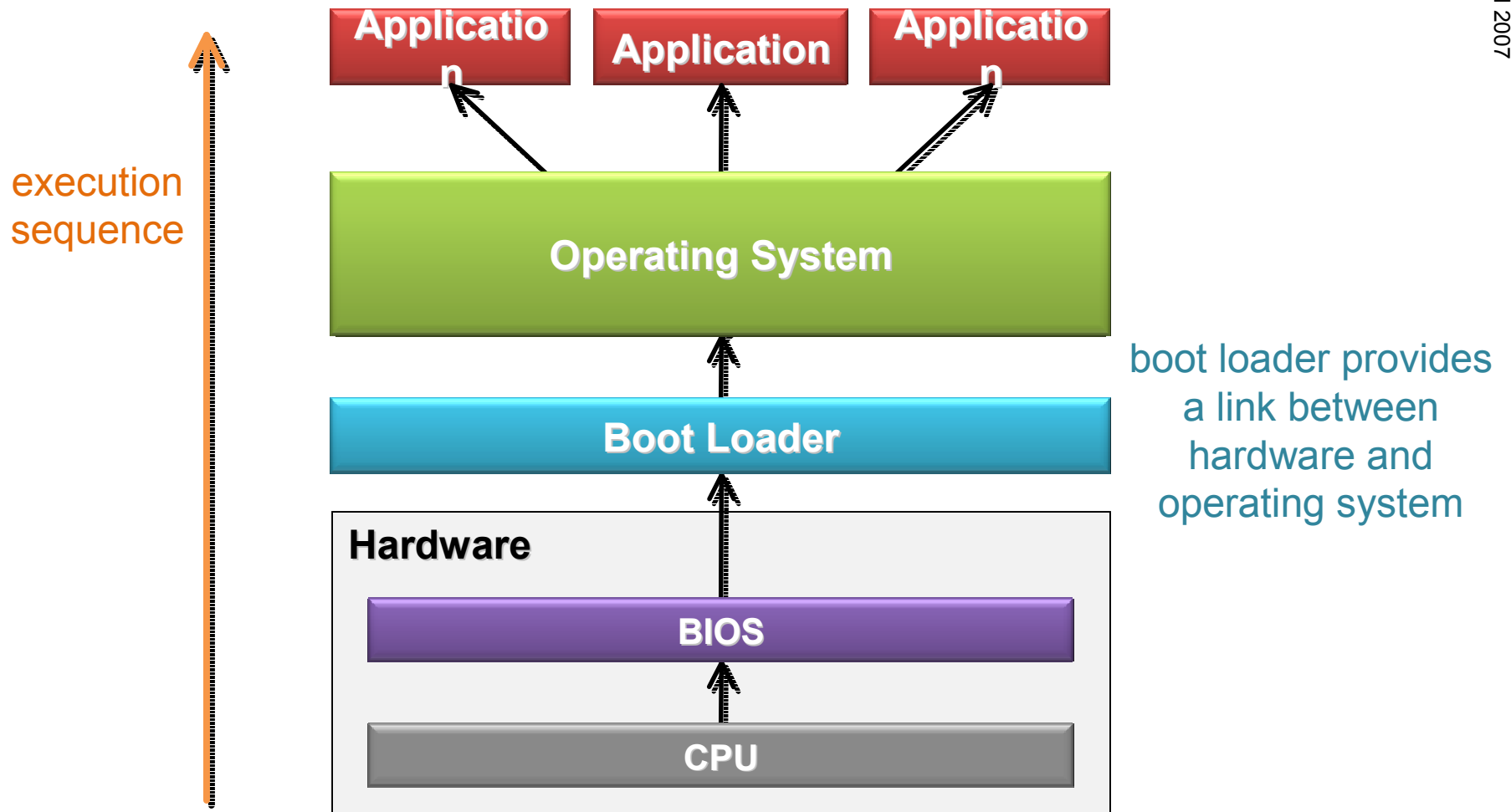
TPM Key Object – Important Fields



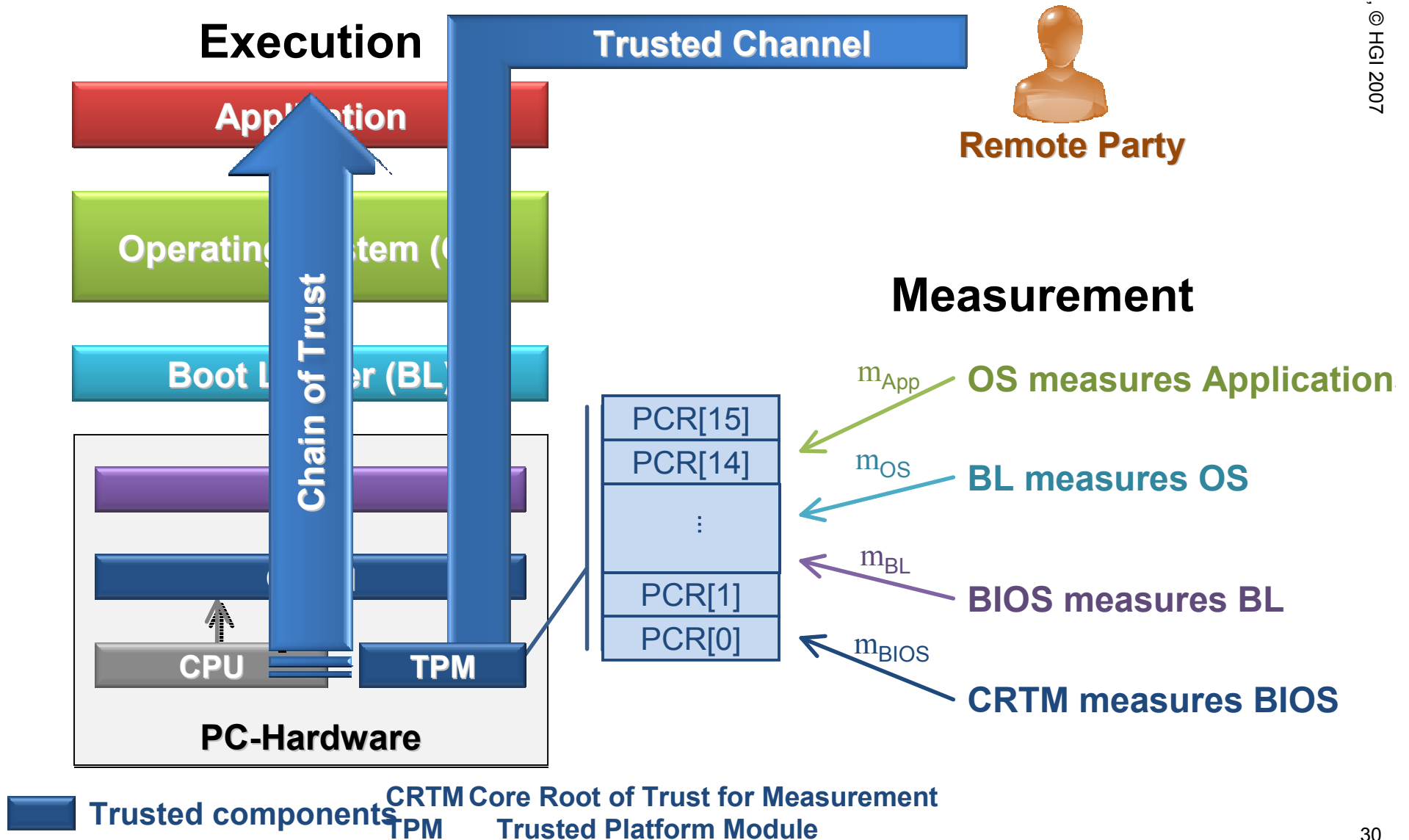
§ Main Functionalities

Authenticated Boot

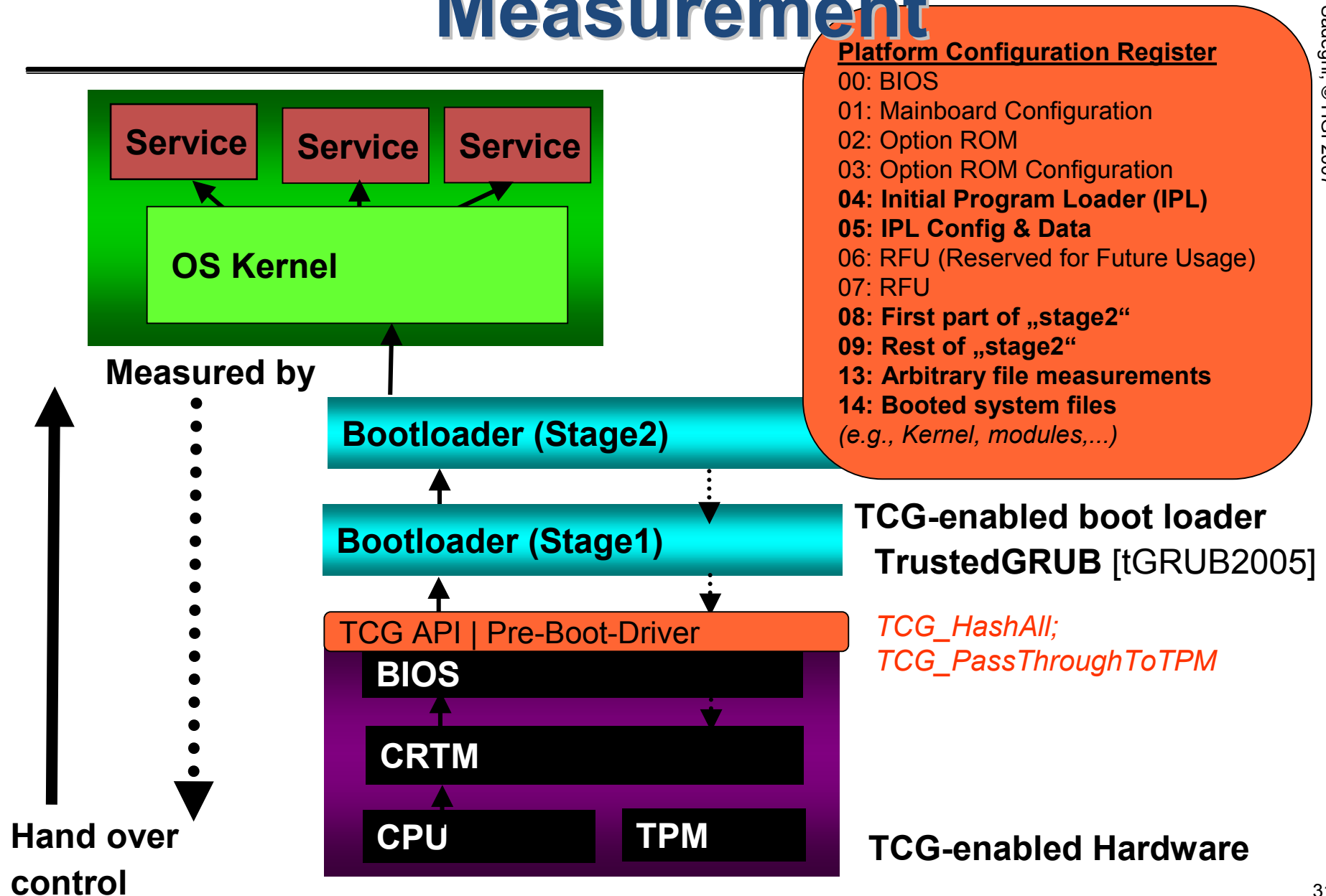
Bootstrap Architecture in PC



Bootstrap and Integrity Measurement



Bootstrap and Integrity Measurement



Binding and Sealing

Binding

- Conventional asymmetric encryption
- May be used to bind data to a specific TPM/platform
 - Data encrypted with non-migratable key can only be recovered by TPM that knows corresponding secret key
- Usually no platform binding
 - Since binding can also be used with migratable keys

Sealing (extension of binding)

- Always binds data to a specific TPM/platform
 - Sealing can only be used with non-migratable storage keys
- Configuration of encrypting platform can be verified
 - Ciphertext includes platform's state at the time of encryption
- May bind data to a specific platform configuration
 - Data can be decrypted only if platform is in a pre-defined

Integrity Reporting / Attestation

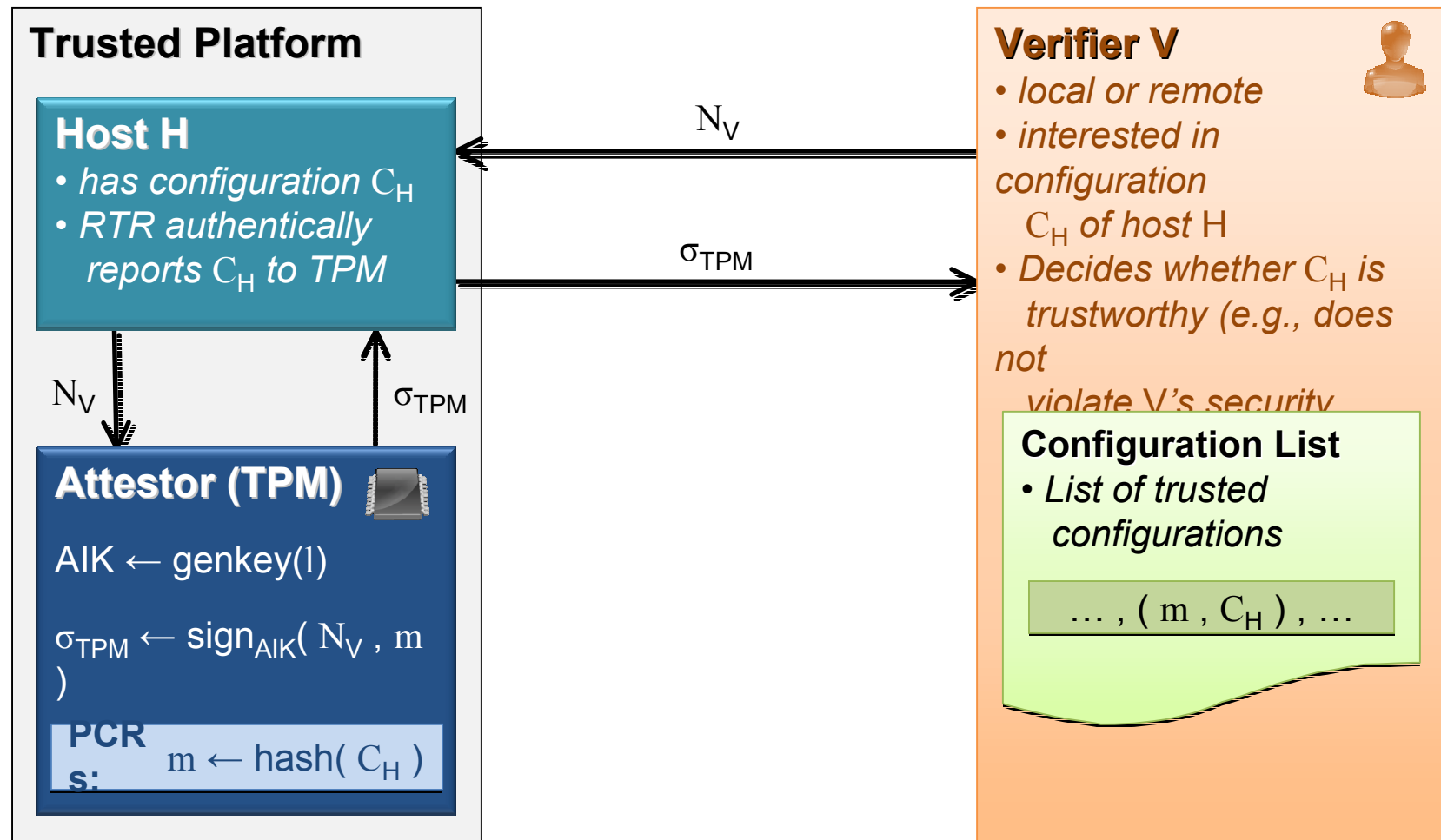
Attestation

- **Authentic report of a platform's state to a (remote) verifier**
 - A local or remote verifier (challenger) is interested in platform configuration (e.g., hard- and software environment)
 - Verifier is able to decide whether it trusts the attested configuration
 - e.g., an online-banking client checks whether the bank's server is in a known secure configuration (e.g., has not been tampered with)
- **TPM and CRTM act as Root of Trust for Reporting**
 - TPM can generate authentic reports of current integrity measurement values (current PCR content)

Requirements on Attestation

- **Attest to all states of entities (machines) capable of affecting the behavior of the entity being attested**
 - e.g., hard- and software environment of the attesting platform including history of all executed program code
- **Attestation platform's state report**
 - Integrity, confidentiality, freshness
- **Authenticity of attestor**
- **Privacy**
 - Regarding information disclosure on system configuration and platform identity

Simplified TCG Attestation Concept



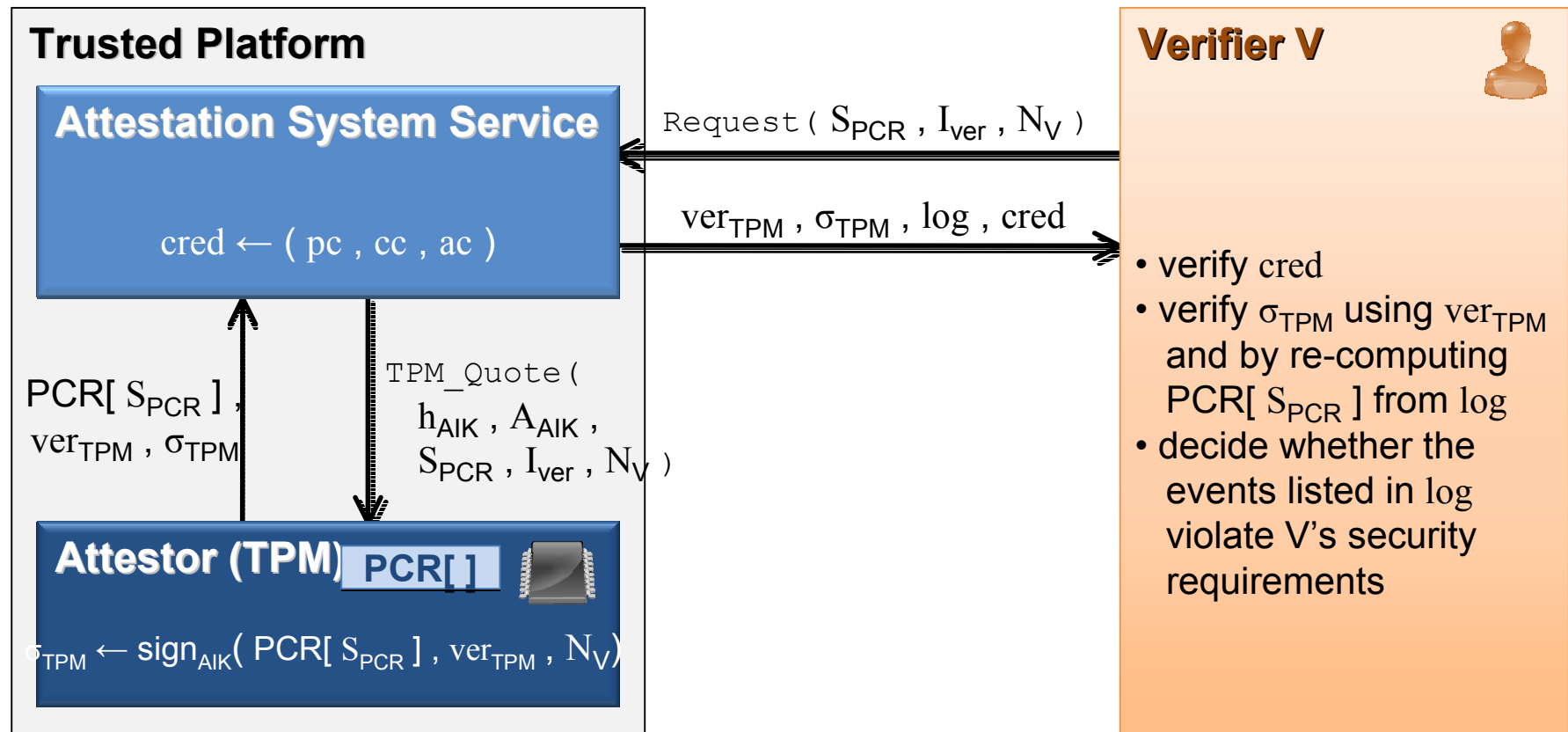
Verify σ_{TPM}

N_V Nonce (anti-replay value) chosen by the verifier
 C_H current configuration of host H

Related TPM-Interface

- **Reporting of PCR values signed by the TPM**
 - Command: `TPM_Quote2` and `TPM_Quote` (deprecated)
 - May be called by an attestation system service that handles attestation requests
- **Input to `TPM_Quote2` / `TPM_Quote`**
 - AIK to be used to sign current PCR values
 - Nonce (anti-replay value)
 - Selection of PCRs to be reported
 - Indicator whether the TPM version and revision should be added to the signed report of PCR values
 - Authorization data for using the AIK

More Details about TCG Attestation



| | | | |
|-----------|--|-------------|---|
| S_{PCR} | selection of PCR values V is interested in | ver_{TPM} | TPM version information |
| I_{ver} | indicator whether V is interested in TPM version information | pc | platform credential |
| N_V | Nonce (anti-replay value) chosen by the verifier | cc | Conformance Credential |
| h_{AIK} | pointer (handle) to the AIK to be used | ac | Attestation Credential (e.g., from Privacy C. |
| A_{AIK} | authorization secret required to use AIK | log | TPM Event Log |

AIK Certification: Privacy CA I

TPM Owner



- Prove to third parties that it's platform is in a trustable state
 - E.g., by reporting platform integrity measurements signed with a certified key
- Colluding third parties should not be able to track platform's transactions
 - E.g., by signing every integrity measurement report with a (ideally) different AIK for each

Privacy CA



- Trusted Third Party
- Attests that an AIK belongs to a valid TPM (Attestation Credential)
 - Protocol for certification of an AIK requires disclosure of public EK to Privacy CA

Property-Based Attestation

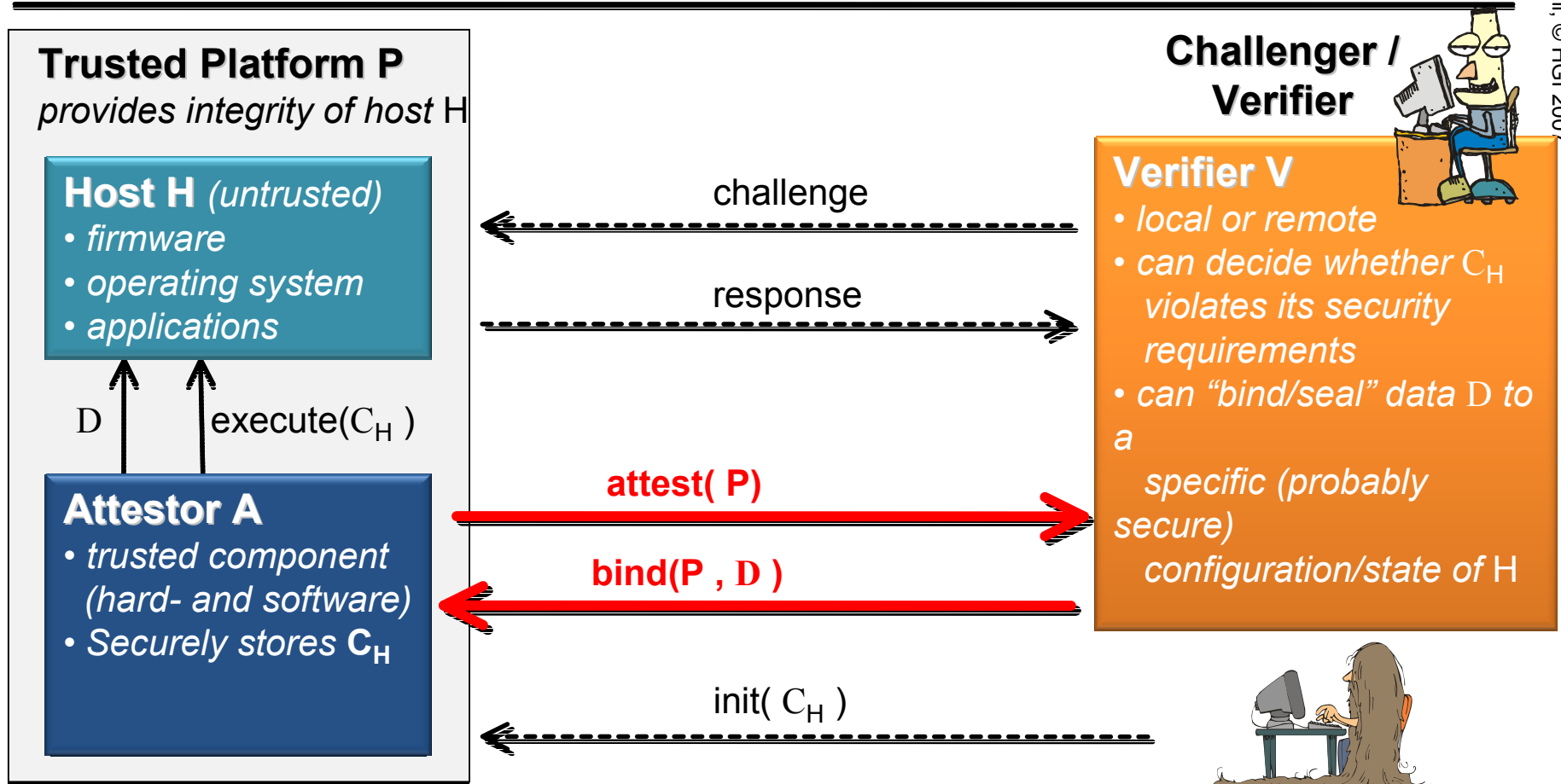
Problems of Binary Attestation/Sealing

- **Discrimination**
 - Binding/Sealing allows content and application providers to enforce usage of a specific platform configuration
 - Application vendors can exclude alternative software
- **Availability**
 - Changed binaries renders sealed data inaccessible
- **Privacy**
 - Verifiers can gain information on platform configurations
- **Management**
 - High number of patches, various compiler options, software versions, development environment
 - Changes in binary values (digests) renders bound/sealed data inaccessible

Overview

- **Verifier usually interested in properties not configuration**
- **Property (informally)**
 - Describes an aspect of the behaviour of an object with respect to certain requirements (e.g., security-related)
- **Properties can be defined on different abstraction levels**
 - Privacy-preserving (built-in measures conform to the privacy laws)
 - Provides Multi-Level Security (MLS)
 - Evaluated by a governmental organisation
- **Choice of a useful property set and its definition depends on the use case and its requirements**

Abstract Model of PBA



C_H initial configuration/state of host H when platform P has been booted

D data to be revealed only if host H is in the (secure) configuration C_H

----- insecure
 ----- channel
 ===== secure channel

A Possible Approach

- **Delegation-based PBA (DB-PBA)**
 - Property attestor proves that another party has certified the desired properties (e.g., certificates [SaSt2004, KuSeSt2007])
 - Hybrid approach since current TPM is used
 - Offline determination of provided properties
 - Well-suited for enterprise environment
- **How to represent property certificates?**
 - Trusted Third Party T with key pair (SK_T , PK_T)
 - Set of properties $p = \{p_0, \dots, p_n\}$
 - Code with configuration C_H and property p
 - $\text{cert}_T(p, S) := \text{Hash}(C_H), p, \text{Sign}_T(p, cs)$

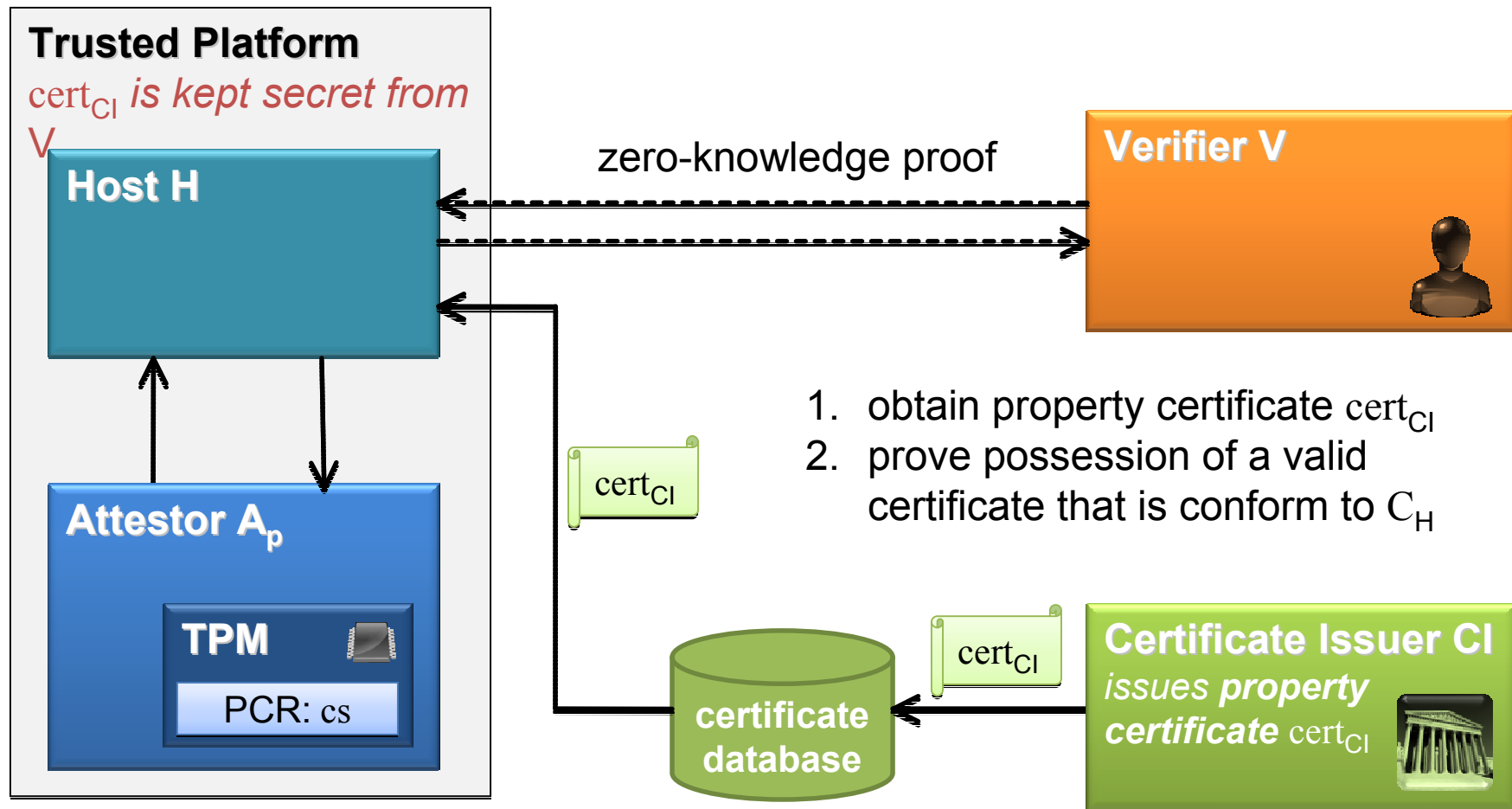
Possible Instantiations of DB-PBA I

- **Trusted Attestation Service**
 - A trusted software service performs necessary actions
 - Software service is binary attested
 - Service must be fully trusted by the verifier
- **Hardware-based certificate verification**
 - TPM evaluates property certificates
 - New TPM commands required

Possible Instantiation of DB-PBA II

- **Group signatures**
 - Public group signature key represents a property while private keys represent different configurations
 - Trusted Third Party generates keys
 - TPM functionality has to be extended
- **Prove possession of a valid certificate**
 - Proof of membership
 - Verifier does not need to trust host

Prove Possession of Valid certificate I

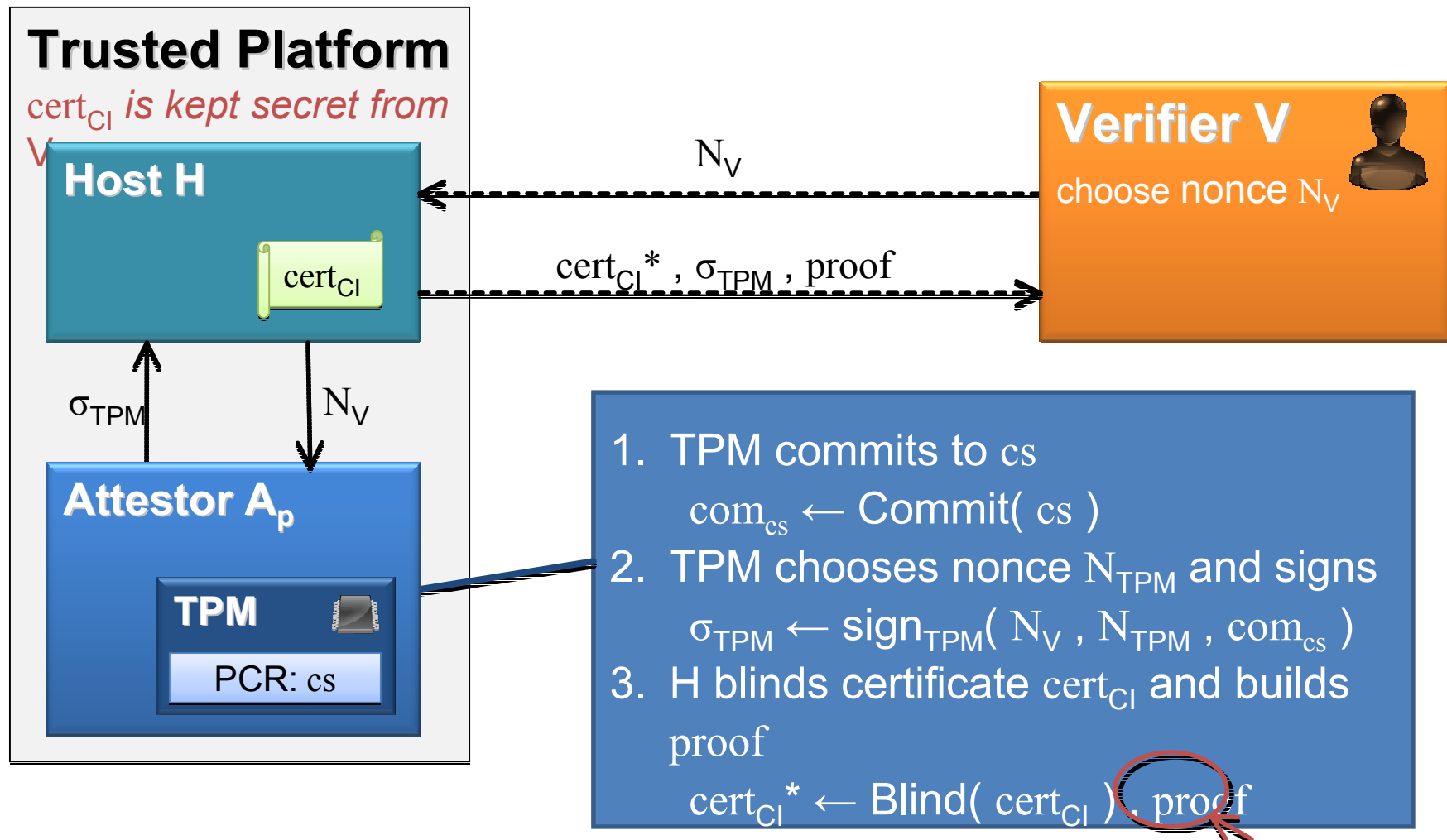


hybrid approach since
 binary measurements
 are associated with
 properties

C_H current configuration of host H
 p (security) property of C_H

cs := Hash(C_H)
 cert_{CI} := sign_{CI}(p ,
 cs)

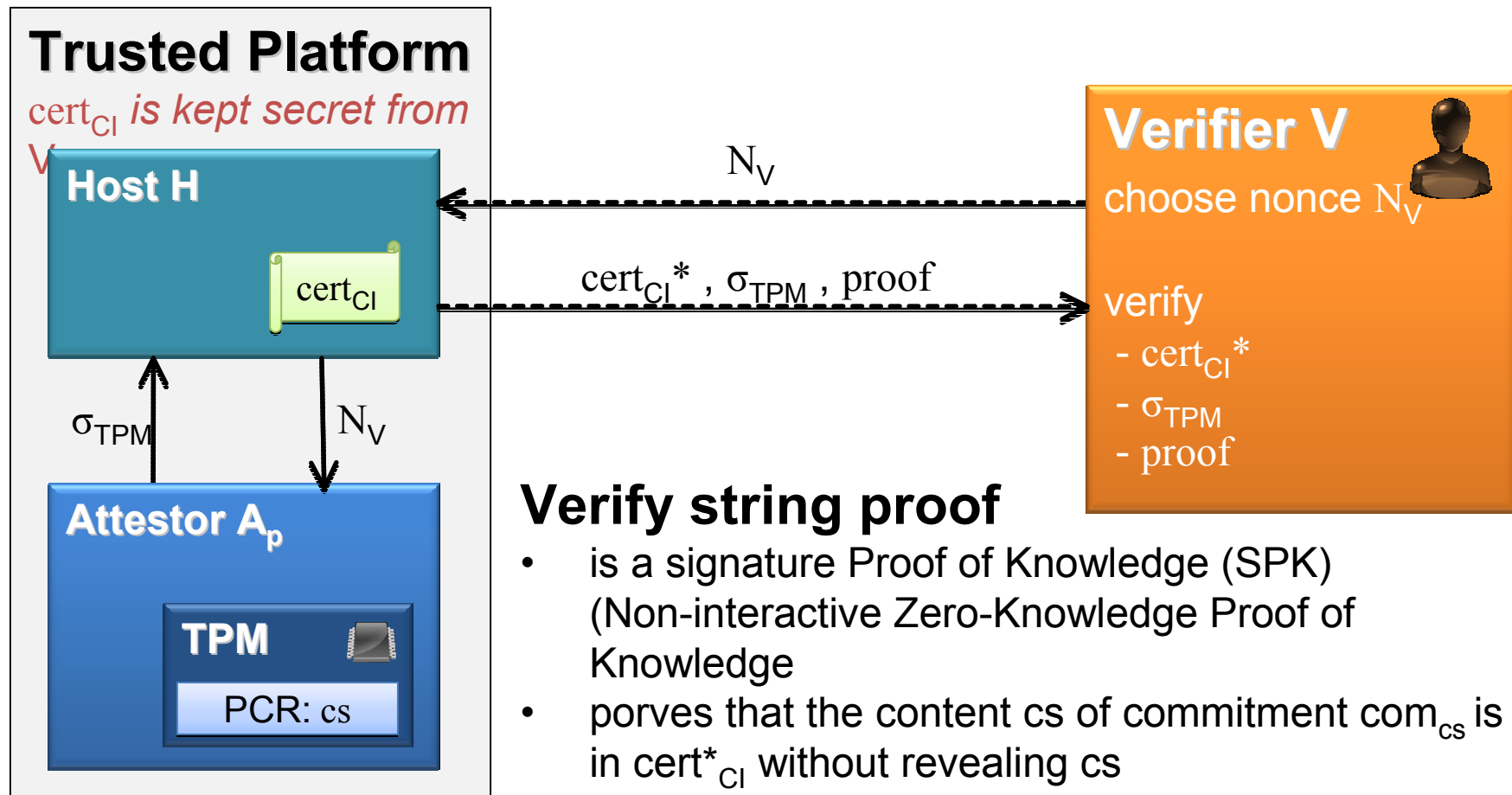
Prove Possession of Valid certificate II



C_H current configuration of host H
 $cs := \text{Hash}(C_H)$
 p (security) property of C_H
 $\text{cert}_{Cl} := \text{sign}_{Cl}(p, cs)$

non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of

Cryptographic Proof III



C_H current configuration of host H
 p (security) property of C_H

$cs := \text{Hash}(C_H)$
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Exploring Other Approaches

- **Code control**
 - Property attestor is trusted to enforce that a machine can only behave as expected
 - e.g., reference monitor to attest both OS and the enforced security policy (e.g., [MaSmBaSt2004] for SE Linux [LoSm2001])
- **Code analysis**
 - Property attestor derives the machine's properties or verifies proof of properties
 - e.g., proof-carrying codes and semantic code analysis (e.g., [Necu2002], [HaChFr2003])

Mapping Properties to PCRs

- **Requirement**

- reuse existing mechanisms based on PCRs
 - Remote Attestation
 - Sealing, Binding

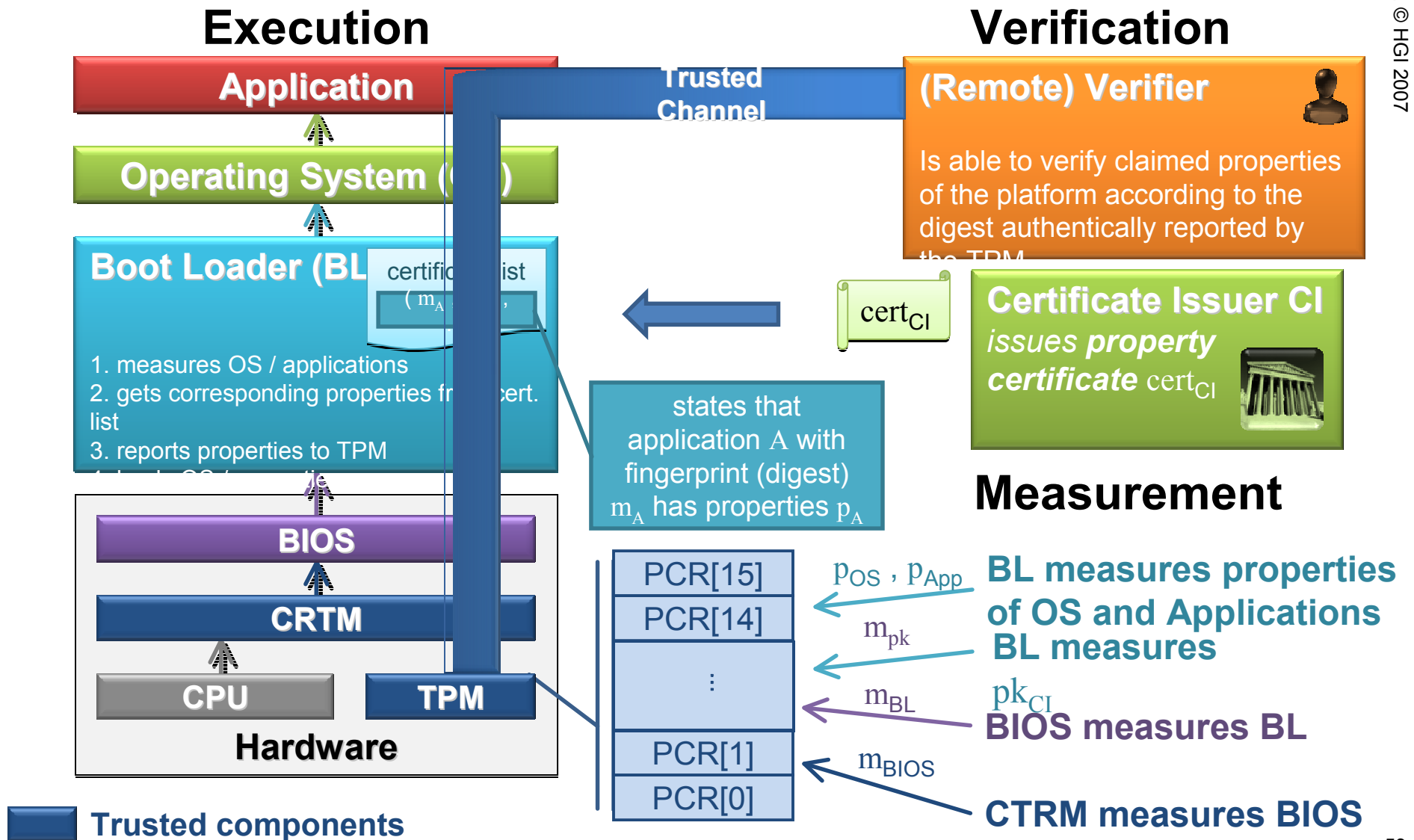
- **Solution**

- Use PCRs to store properties instead of binary hash values
- Instead of extending PCR with $H(S)$:
 - 1) Extend PCR_i with $H(PK_T)$
 - 2) Find $C = \text{cert}_T(p, S)$
 - 3) Validate signature in C
 - 4) If valid, extend PCR_j with p , otherwise by 0^{160}

PBA with Bootloader I

- BIOS measures boot loader and extends PCRs (binary measurement)
- For every module to be loaded by the boot loader
 - 1) Extend PCR_{b+i} with $H(\text{PK}_T)$
 - 2) Find $C = \text{cert}_T(p, S)$
 - 3) Validate signature in C
 - 4) If valid, extend PCR_{b+j} with p , otherwise by 0^{160}
- $\text{PCR}_{b+1} \dots \text{PCR}_{23}$ represent properties p *certified by T*
- Attestation, Binding, and Sealing can be used as usual
- After a software update, only a new

Solution with Bootloader II



Virtual TPM (vTPM)

Overview

- **Enables virtual machines (VM) on a single hardware platform to use the same physical TPM**
- **Full software implementation of the TPM specification with additional functionalities to manage virtual TPM (vTPM) instances**

Requirements on vTPM I

- **Confidentiality and integrity of vTPM state**
 - it includes Endorsement Key (EK), the Storage Root Key (SRK), the owner's authorization data (i.e., password), and monotonic counters
- **Secure link to chain of trust**
 - Linkage between hardware and software TPM
- **Unclonability and Secure Migration**
- **Freshness**
- **Distinguishability of hardware and software TPM**

Requirements on vTPM II

- **Data availability**
 - Sealed data must be accessible if the security policy is fulfilled, this includes migration
- **Privacy protection**
 - User can decide over the information disclosure on platform's concrete configuration
- **Flexible key types**

Existing Solutions on vTPM and Open Problems

Possible vTPM Architecture

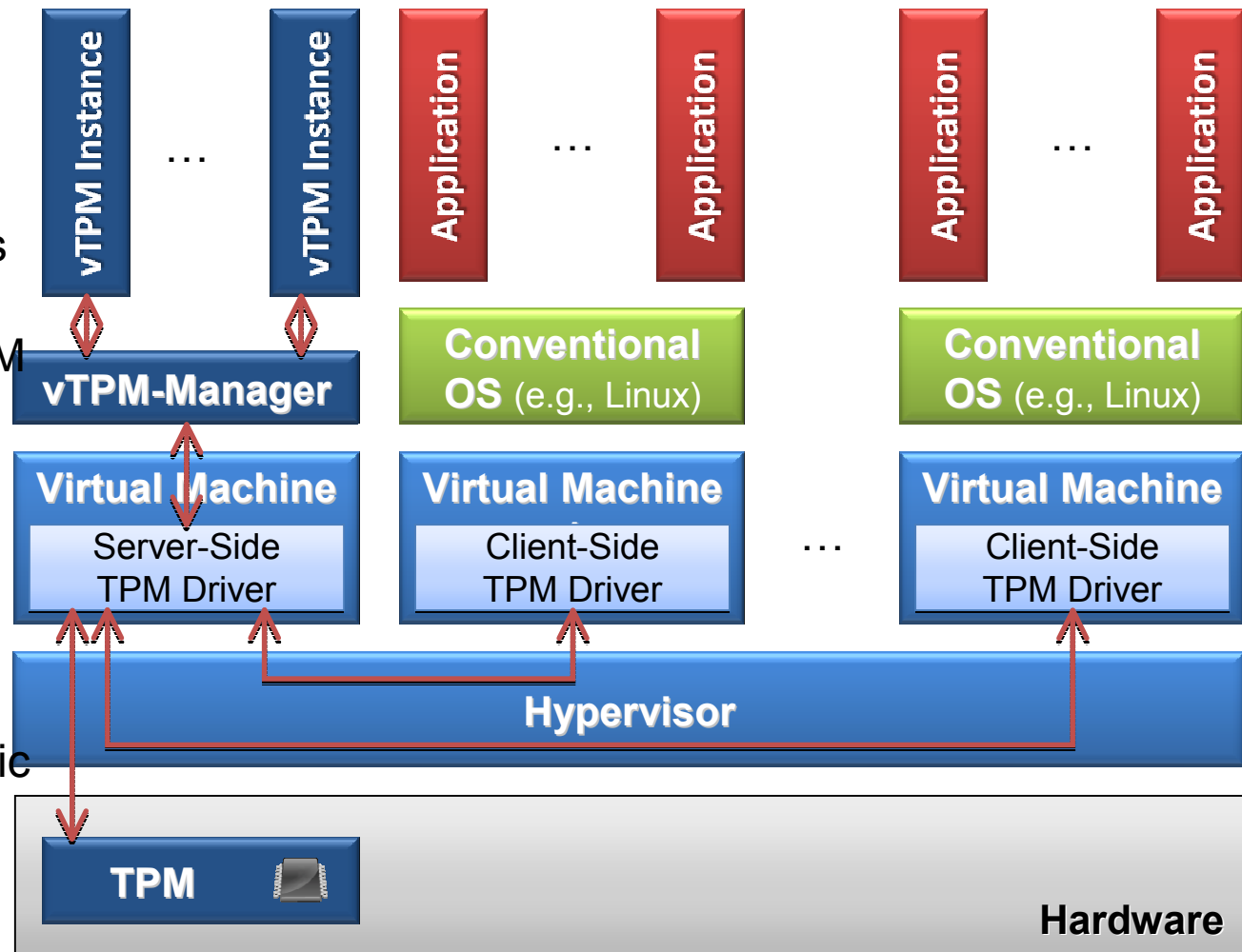
vTPM Manager

- creates vTPM instances
- multiplexes requests from virtual machines to their associated vTPM instances

Linking vTPM & TCB

- Lower sets of vPCRs contains values from PCR
- Upper set of vPCRs contain values specific to vTPM

[Berger et al 06]

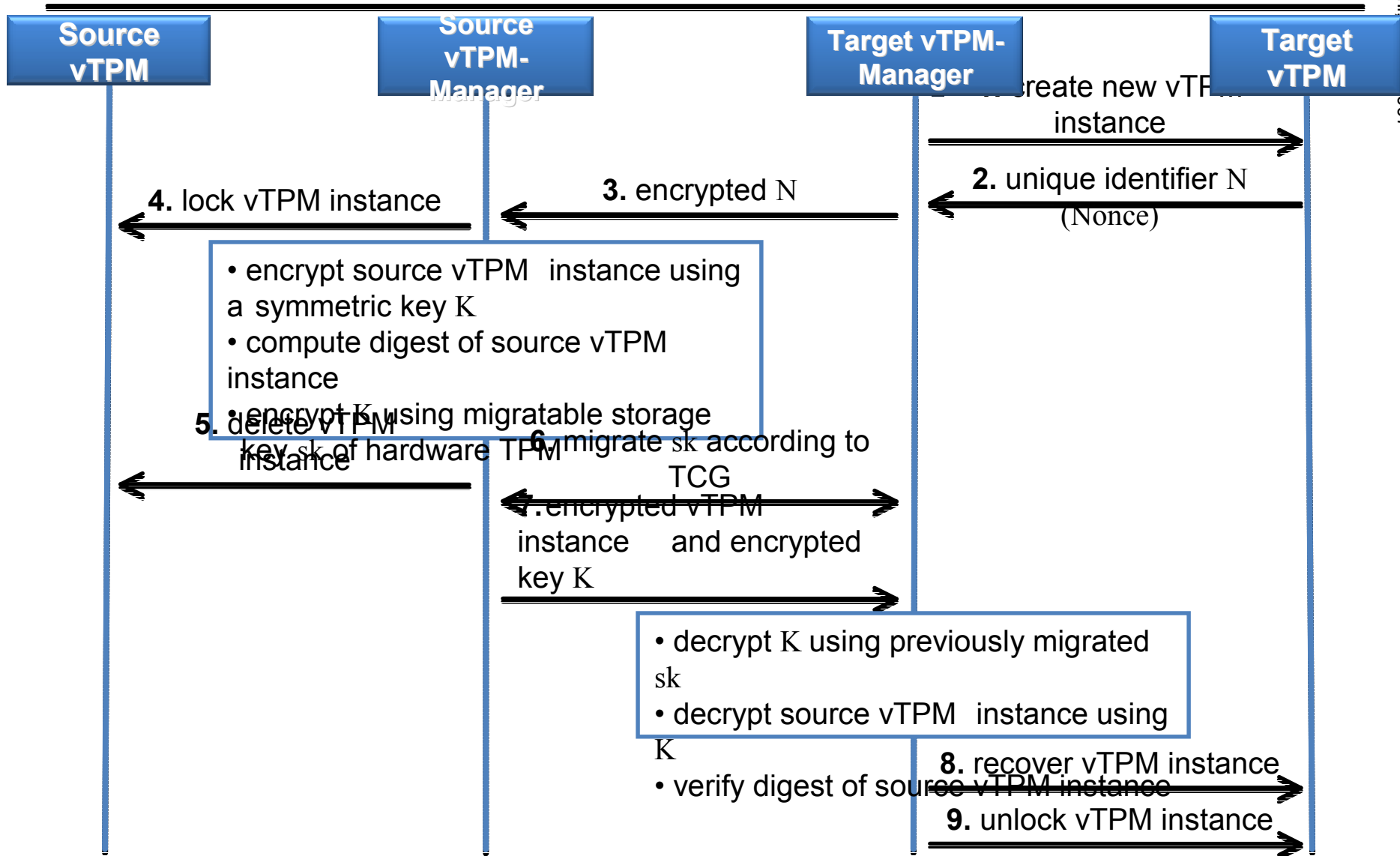


— request/response path between vTPM-Manager, vTPMs and the hardware TPM

Linking vTPM to TPM

- **Certified AIK signs vEK and vAIK is certified by PrivacyCA**
 - Conform to TCG model but needs communication with Privacy CA
- **Certified AIK signs vAIK**
 - Not standard
- **In above solutions AIKs must be invalidated once VM is resumed on the target platform**
- **Alternative: rely on a local authority to issue certificates for EKs of vTPM instances**
 - No direct connection to the TPM
 - But the service can be attested

Migration of vTPMs

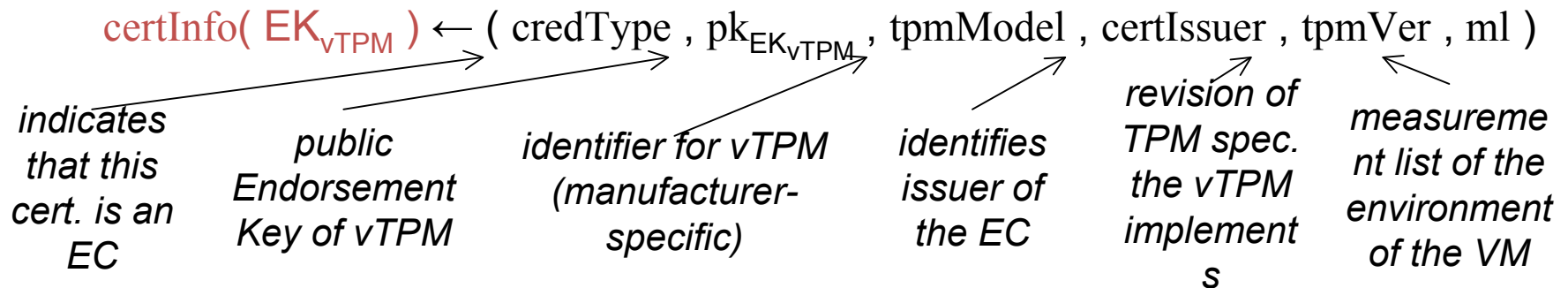


Problems Not Solved

- **Migration to platforms with different binary VMM**
 - Binary-based integrity measurement
 - Problems with mapping lower PCRs to lower vPCRs
- **Large TCB**
 - VMM, vTPM Manager, vTPM instances
 - and a whole guest OS in one VM
- **Only one type of TPM keys supported**
- **Software Updates?**

Endorsement Credentials for vTPMs

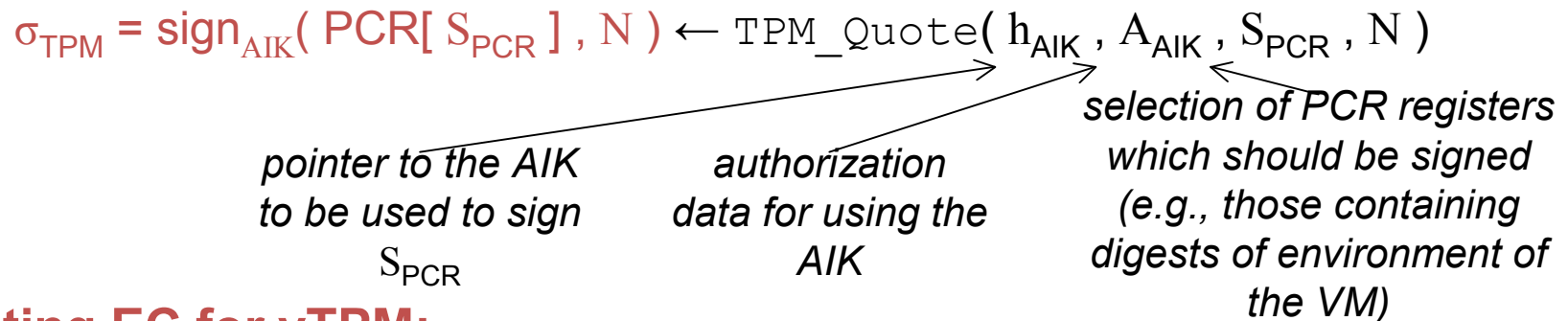
Information to be included into the Endorsement Credential (EC) for vTPM



Certification of vTPM's EK using an AIK and the TPM_Quote command:

$$N \leftarrow \text{SHA-1}(\text{certInfo}(\text{EK}_{\text{vTPM}}))$$

TCG intended N to act as anti-replay value (nonce)



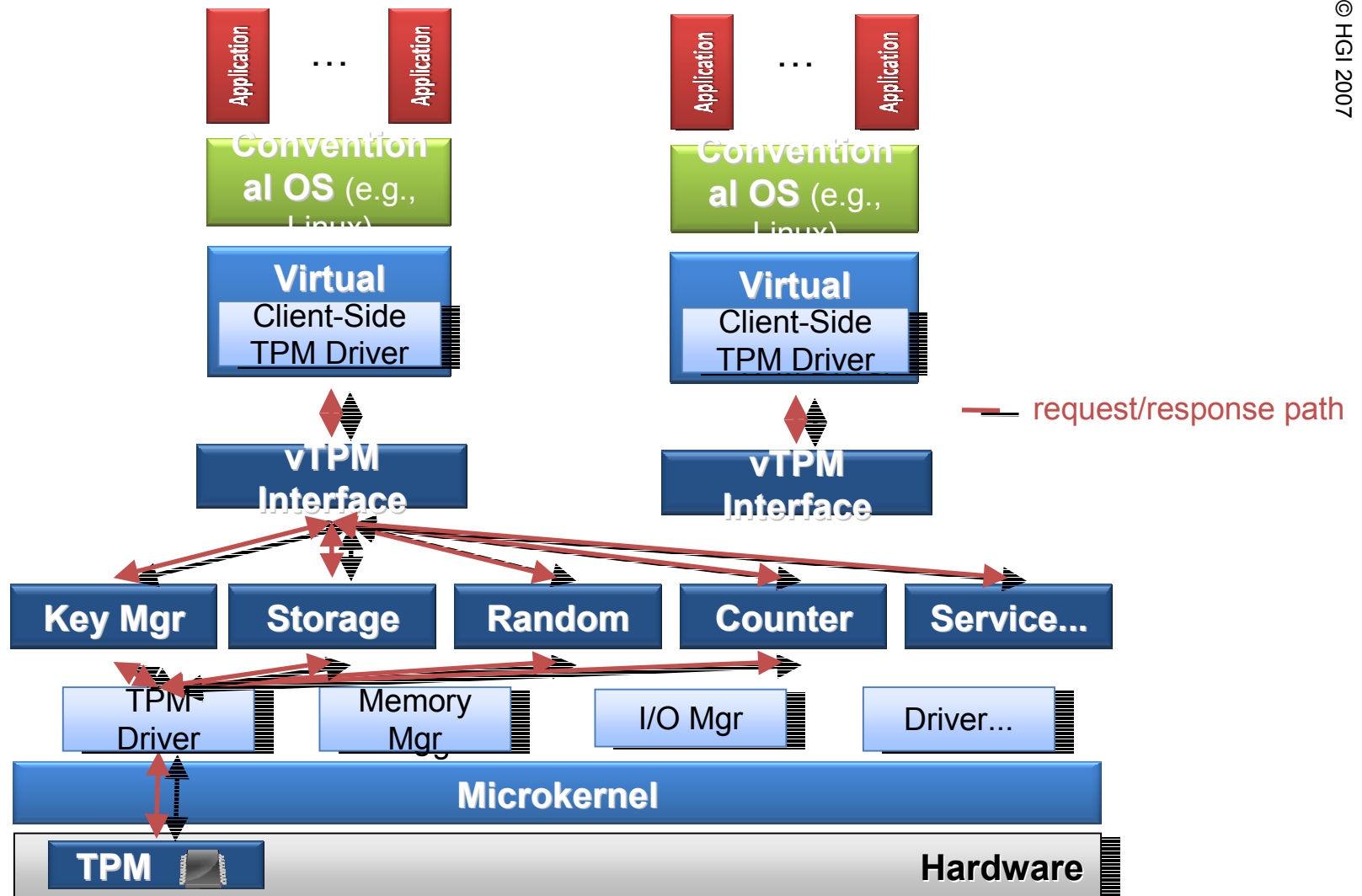
Resulting EC for vTPM:

$$\text{cert}_{\text{AIK}}(\text{EK}_{\text{vTPM}}) \leftarrow (\text{certInfo}(\text{EK}_{\text{vTPM}}), \sigma_{\text{TPM}})$$

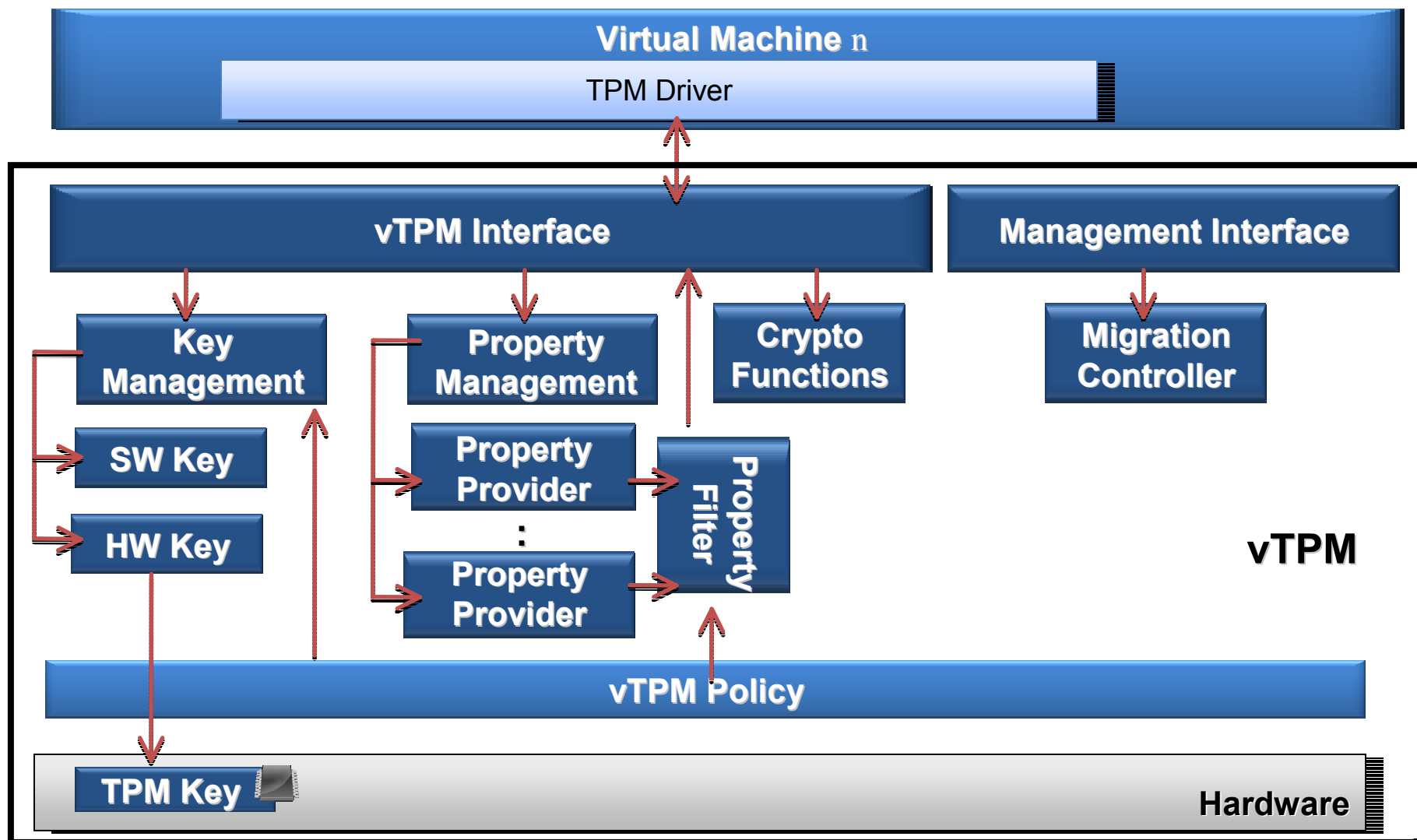
Flexible Key Generation and Usage

- **Both hardware and software keys should be usable by a compartment**
 - Example: Corporate computing at home
 - Boot802.1x (non-migratable) requires a hardware key
 - Other compartments (migratable) require software keys
- **Security kernel should enforce privacy requirements**
 - AIK/DAA management and usage by security service
 - Example: Service creates new AIK for every attestation procedure
- **Decisions should be made by mandatory privacy and security policy!**

Alternative Approach

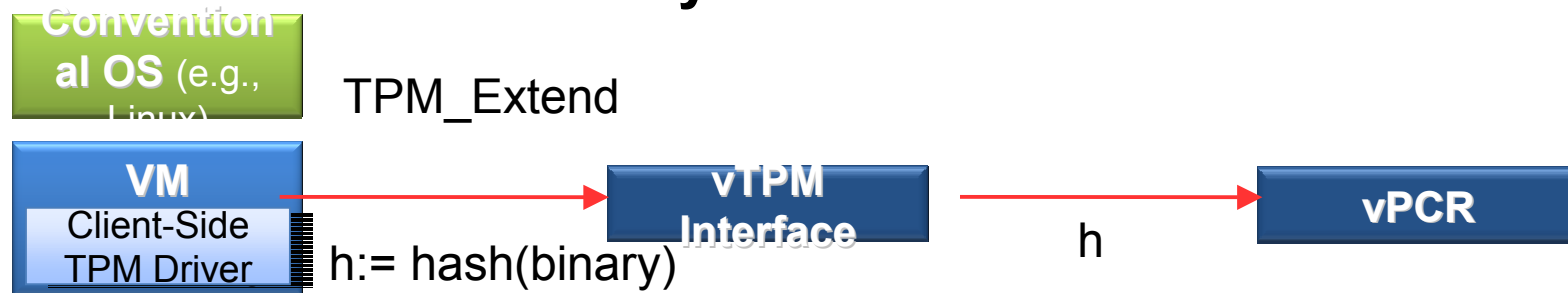


Possible Alternative Solution: Logical vTPM Architecture

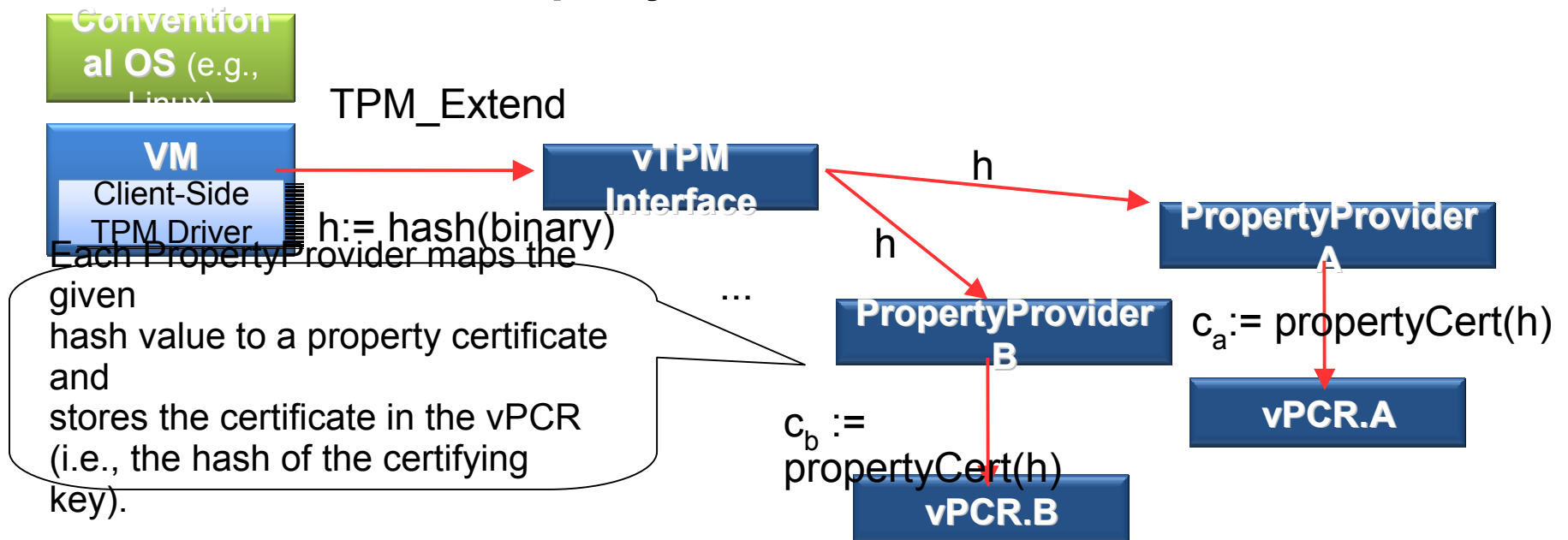


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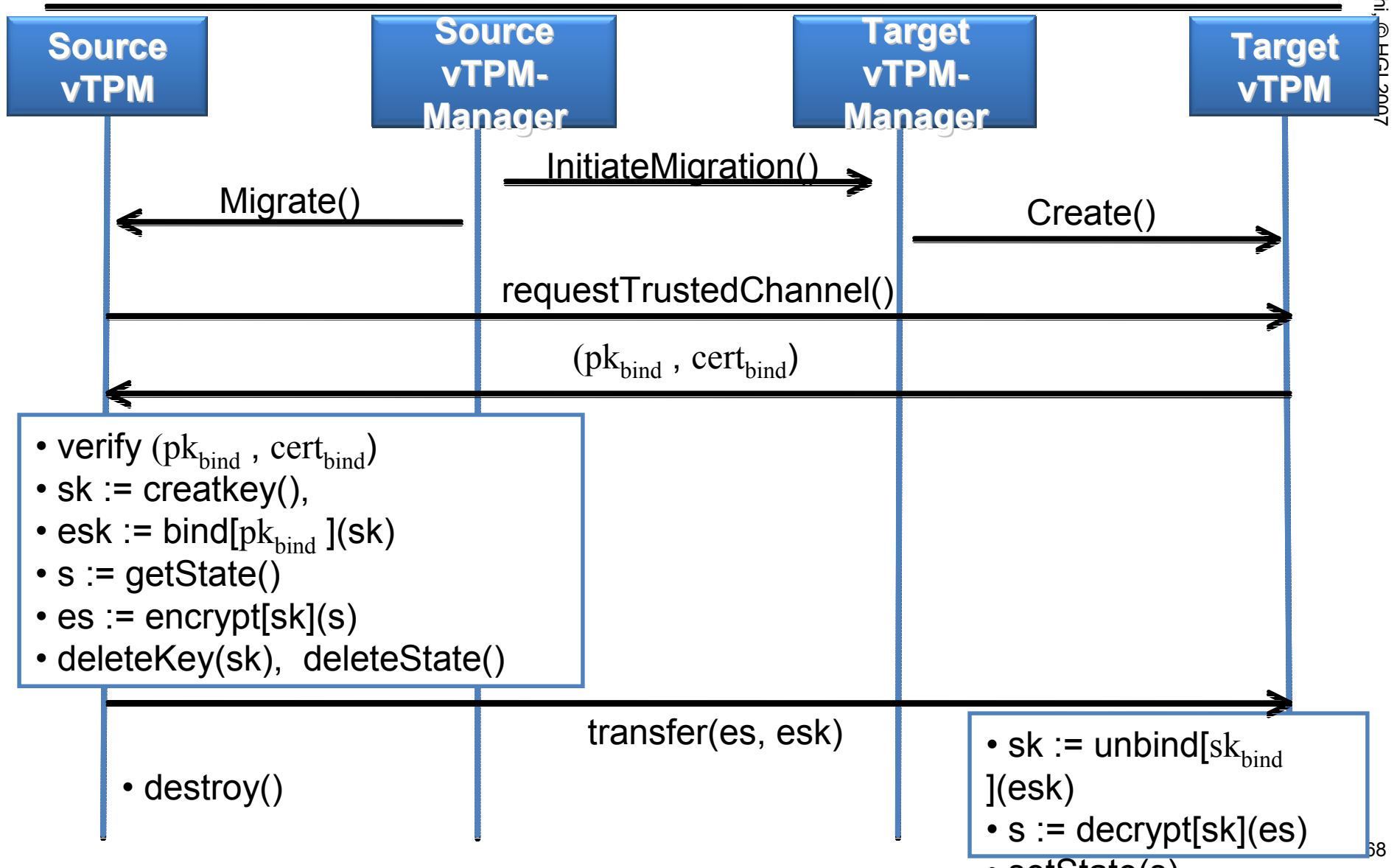
Binary Measurement



Property-based Measurement



Migration of vTPMs



Conclusion and Future Work

- **Trusted Computing is an emerging technology, however, many challenges remain:**
- **Property-based Attestation**
 - What are useful properties? How to formalize them? What are the most efficient approaches for property-based Attestation in practice?
- **TPM**
 - How to design a minimum TPM? How to detect trapdoors and Trojans? More effective revocation and maintenance mechanisms
- **Privacy protecting and anti-discriminating designs**
- **Enabling security protocols with TC functionalities**
- **Trusted Virtual Domain**
- **Applications of multiparty computation for real world**
- **Lightweight TC for embedded systems**
- **Formal proofs in security models**