



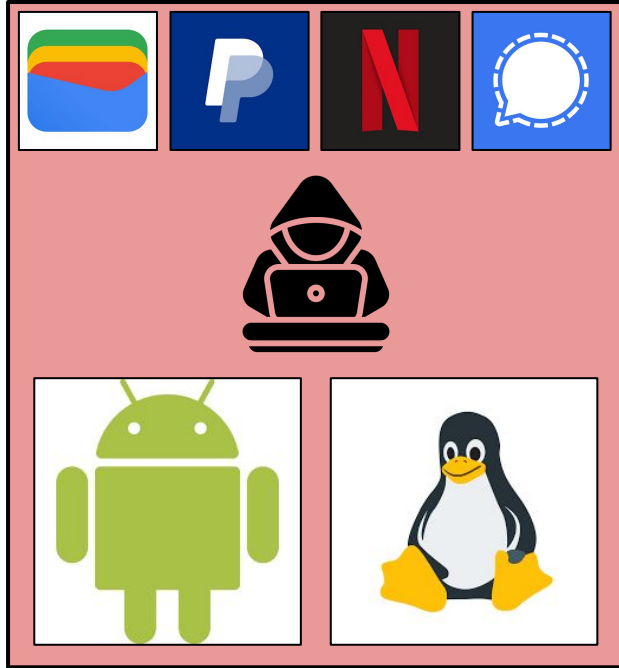
# EL3XIR: Fuzzing COTS Secure Monitors

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# TEEs on COTS ARMv8-A Devices



**Rich Execution Environment (REE)**



**Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)**

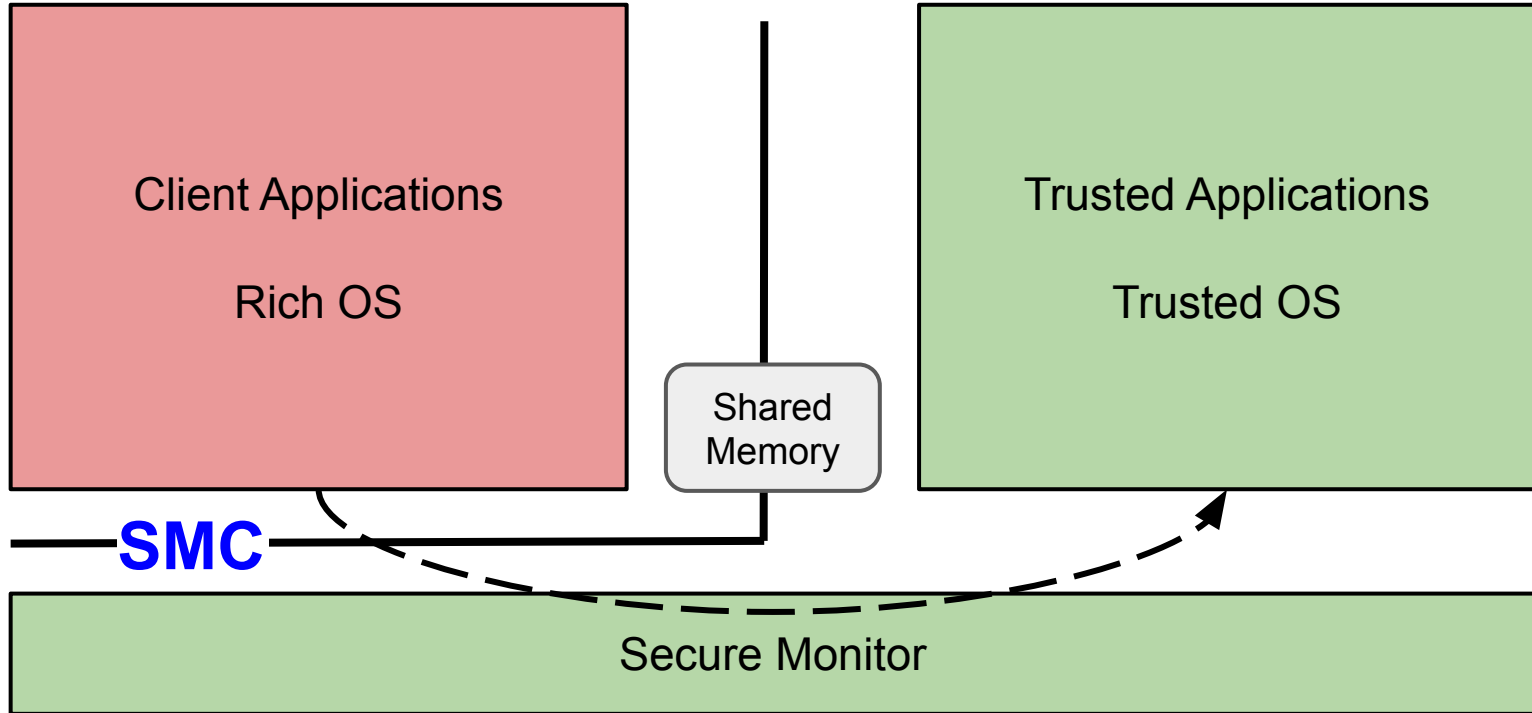
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Normal World / REE

Secure World / TEE

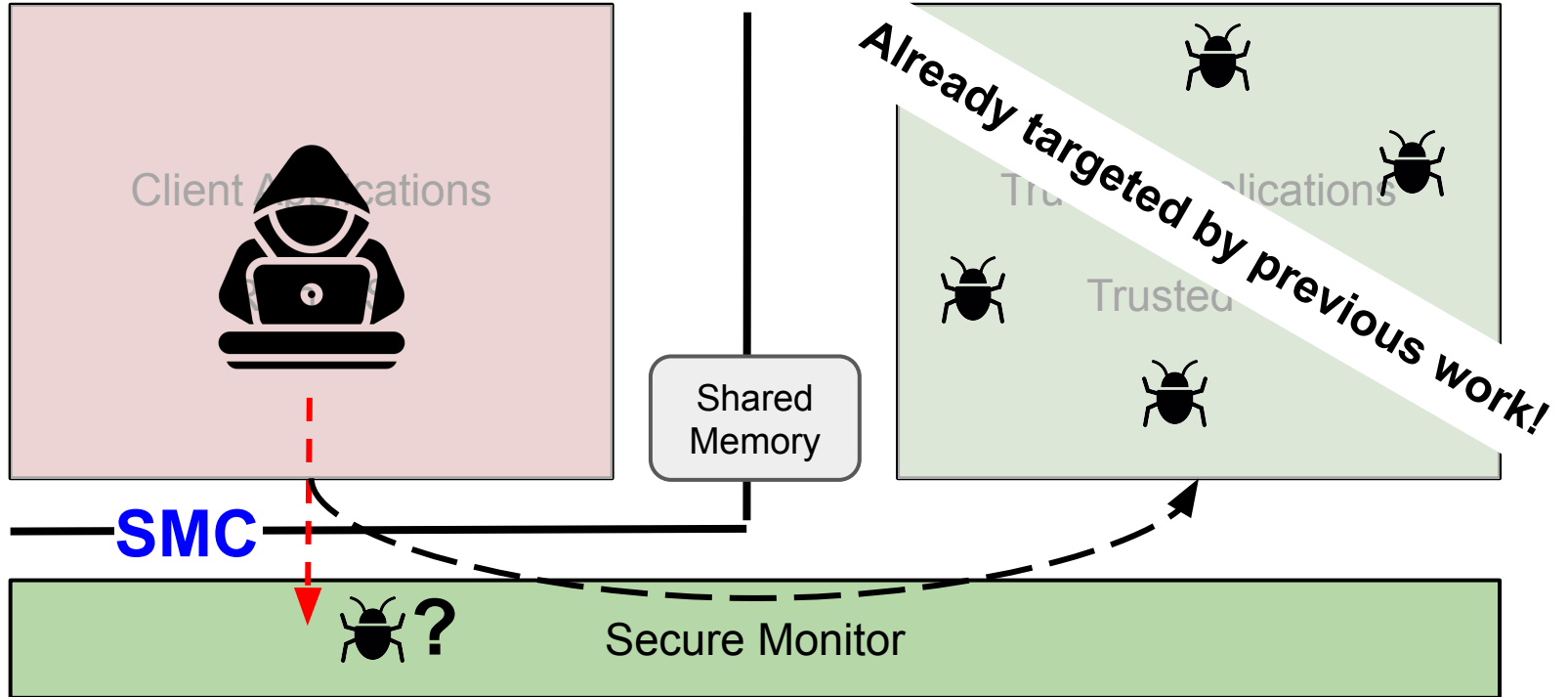


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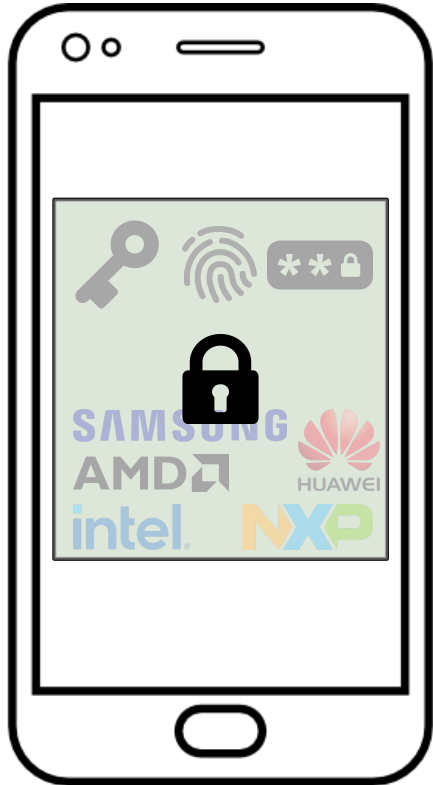
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# Fuzzing Secure Monitors - Challenges

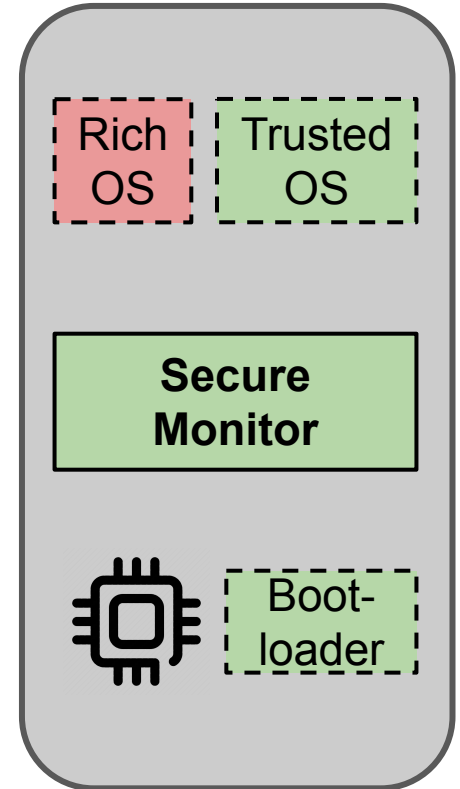
## C1 Limited Introspection



**Rehosting:** Execute firmware in an emulated environment mimicking (parts of) the original device

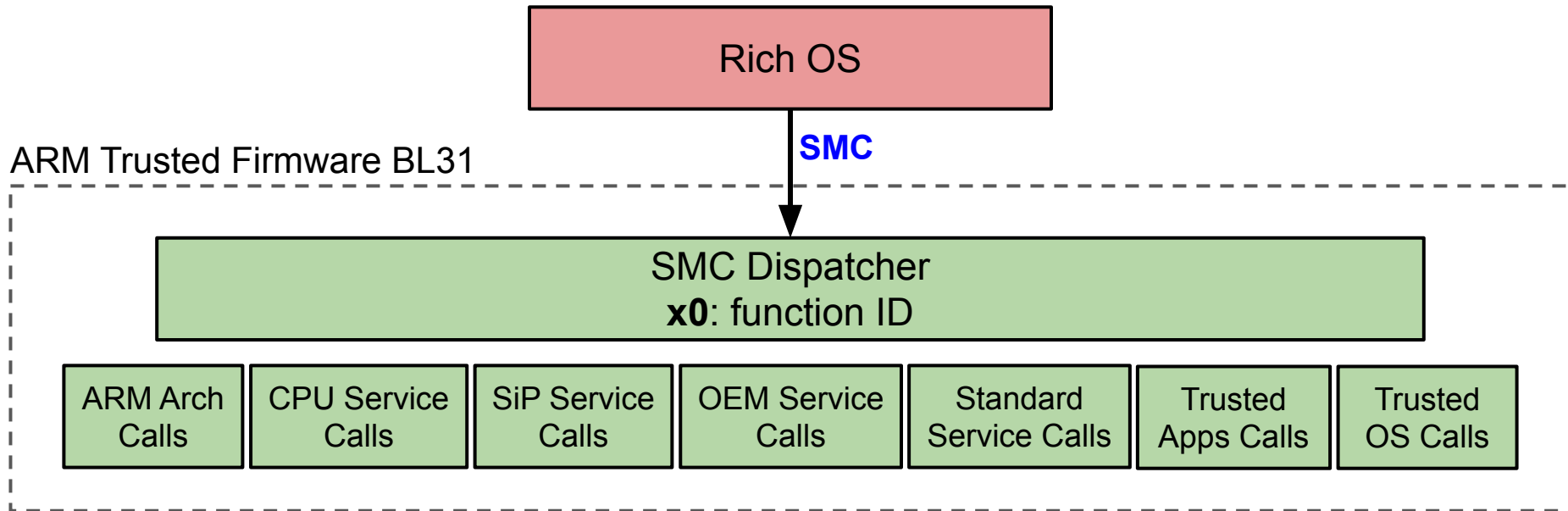
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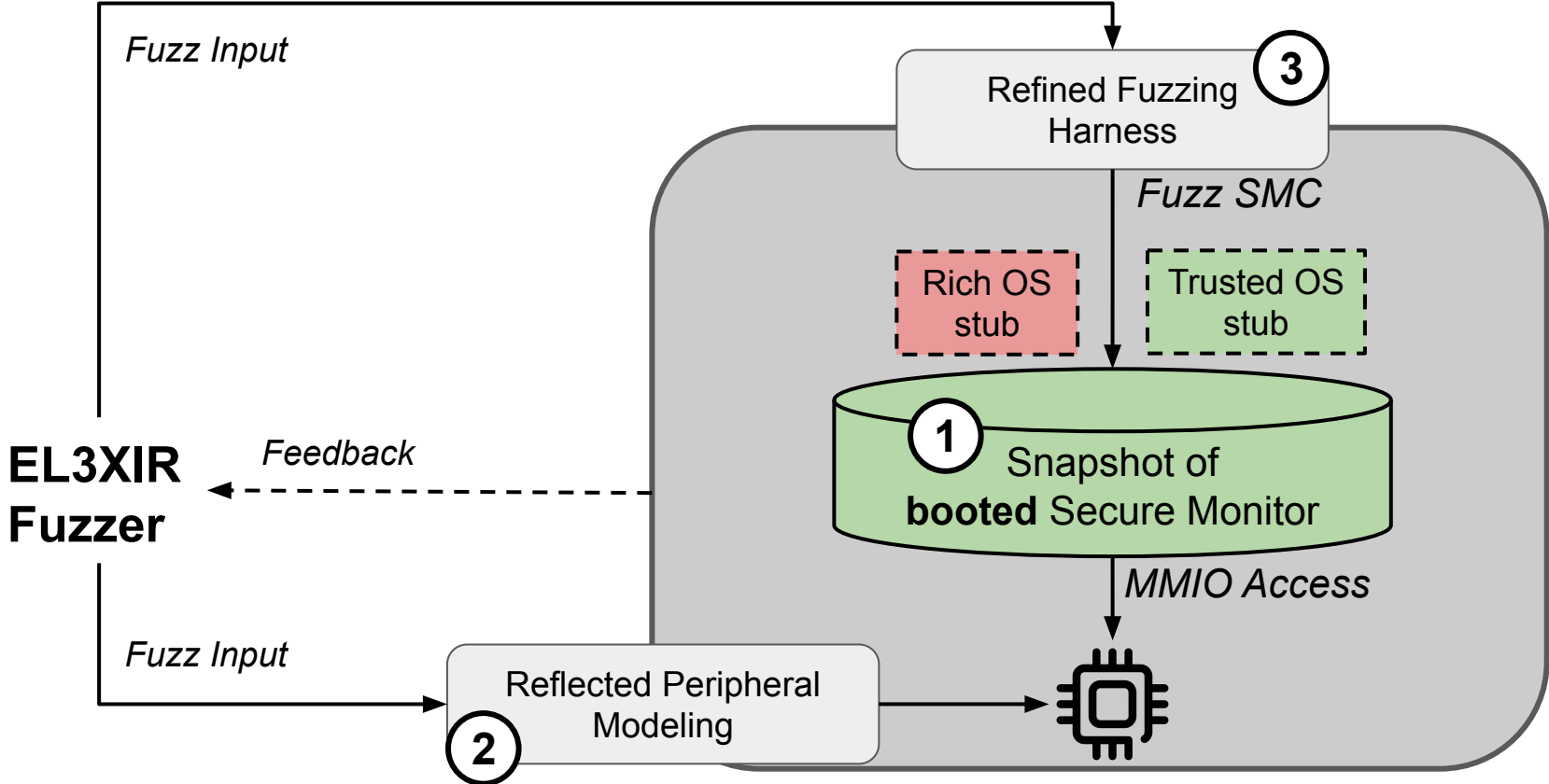
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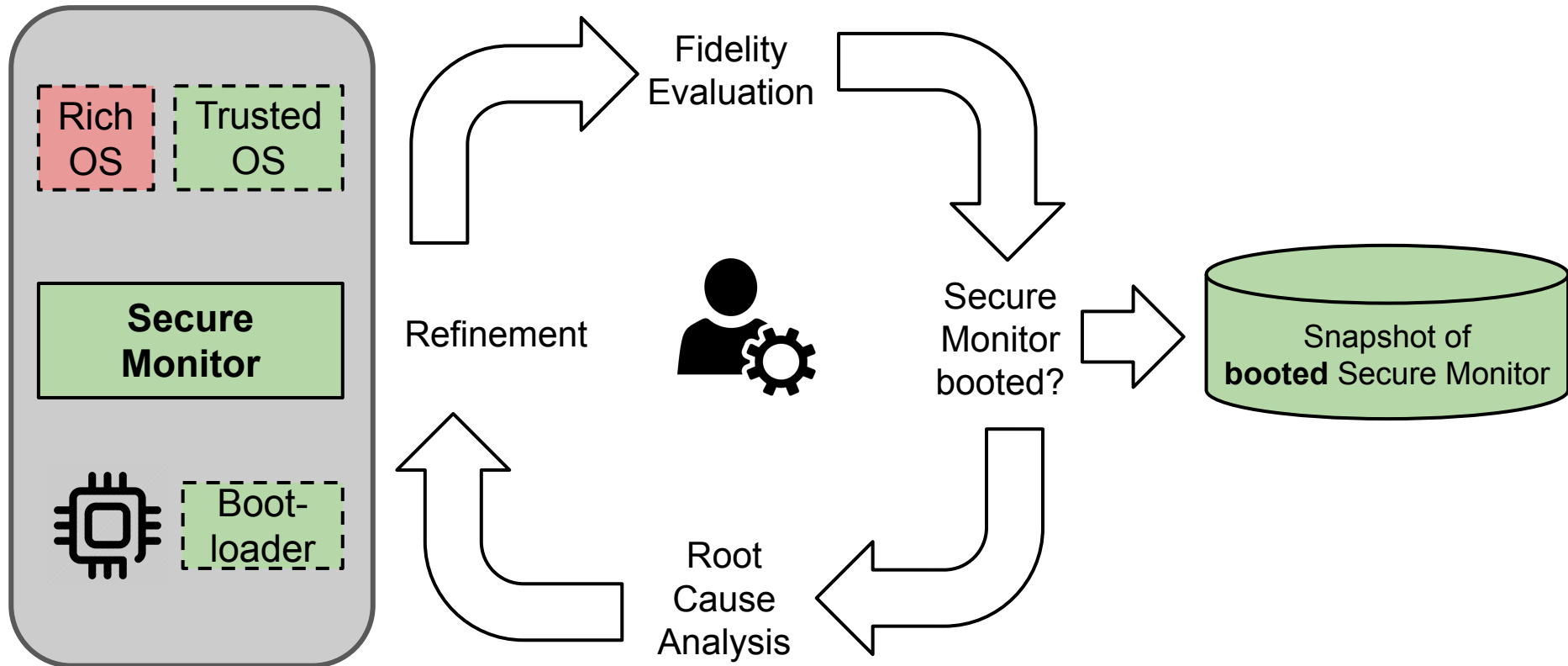
**Several tens of runtime services with unique APIs...**

# EL3XIR's Approach - Overview



# Contribution ①: Partial-Rehosting of Secure Monitors

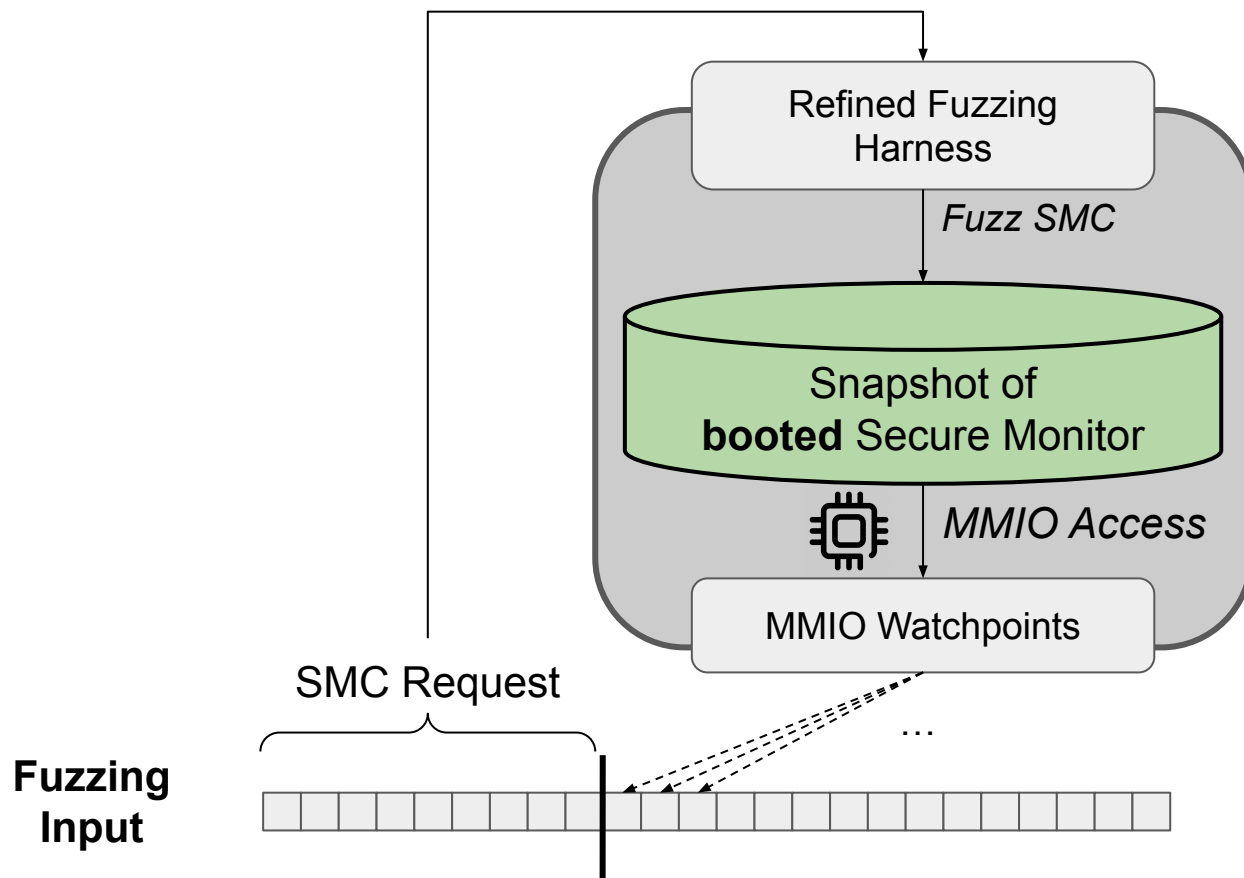
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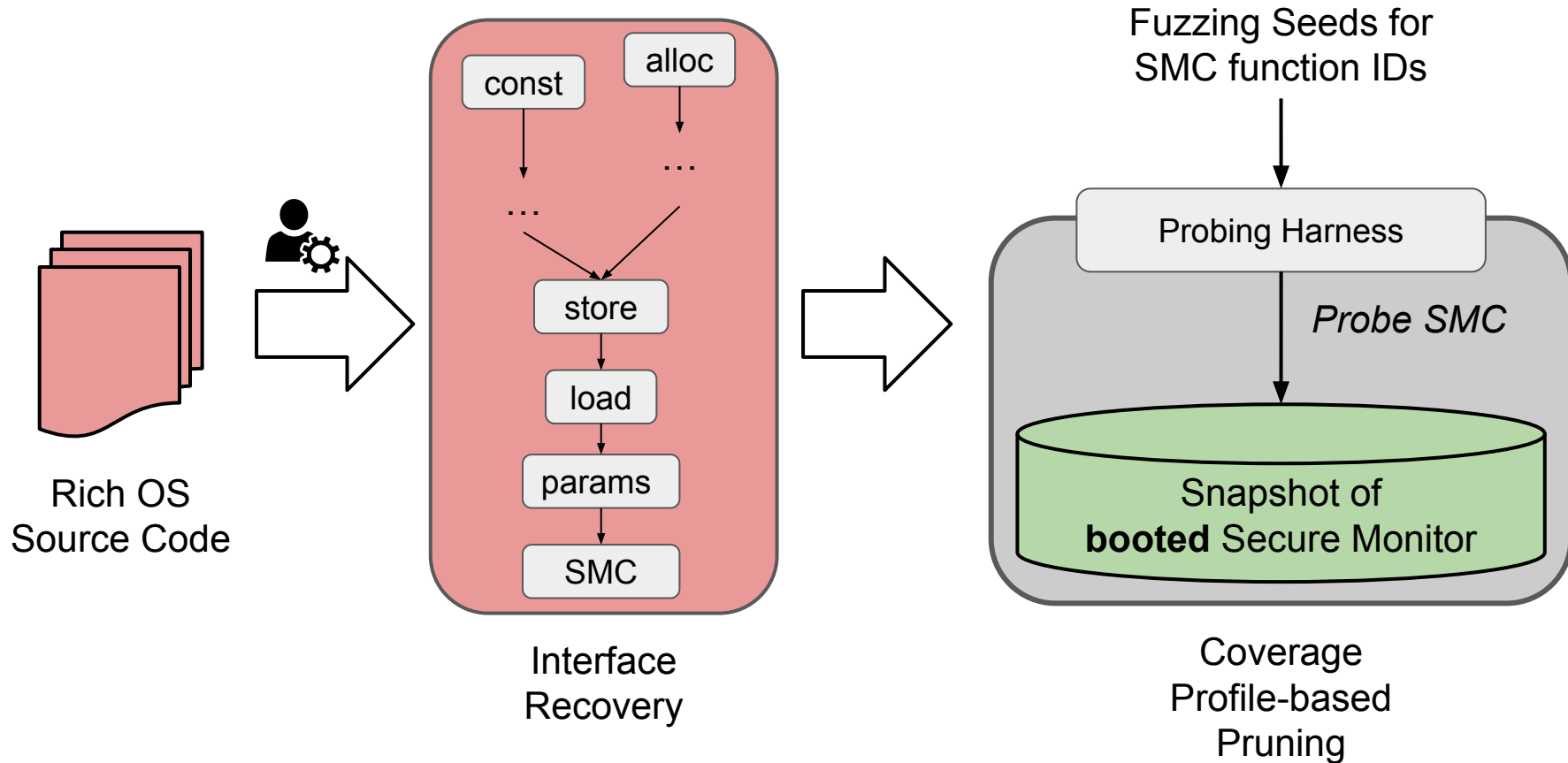
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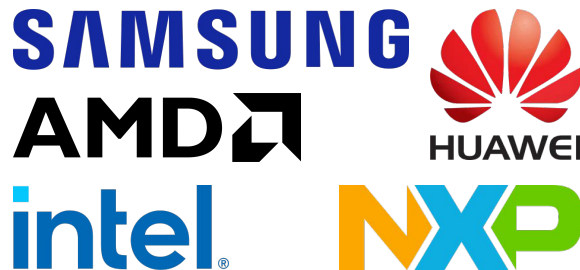


# Contribution ③: Harness Synthesis

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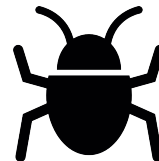


# Evaluation - Bugs and CVEs

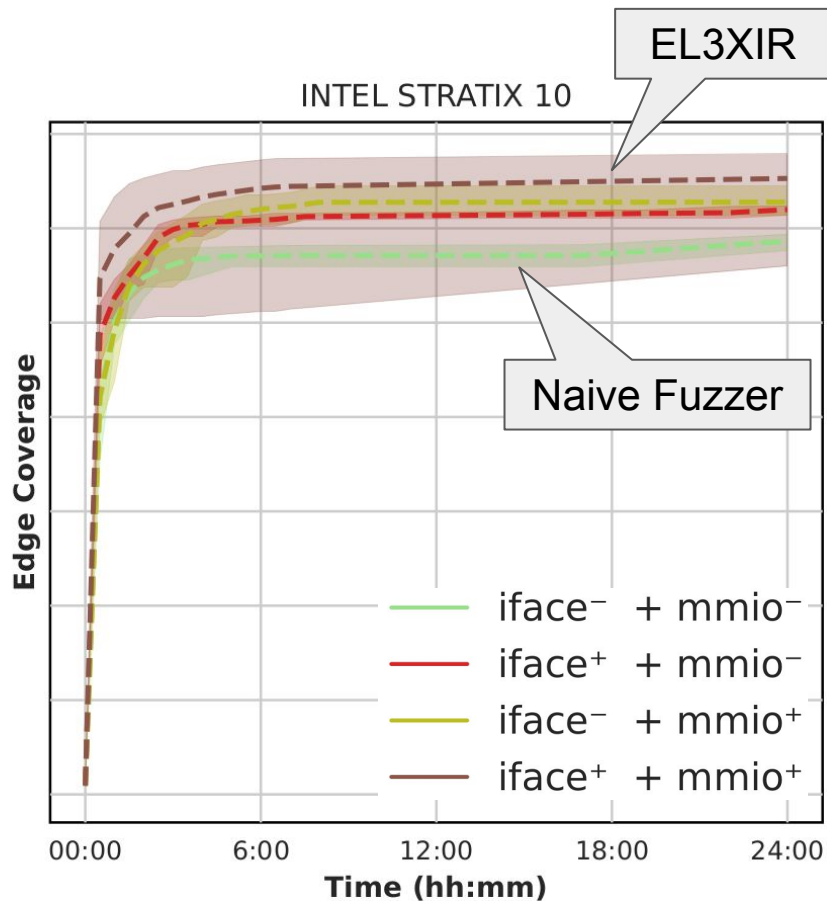
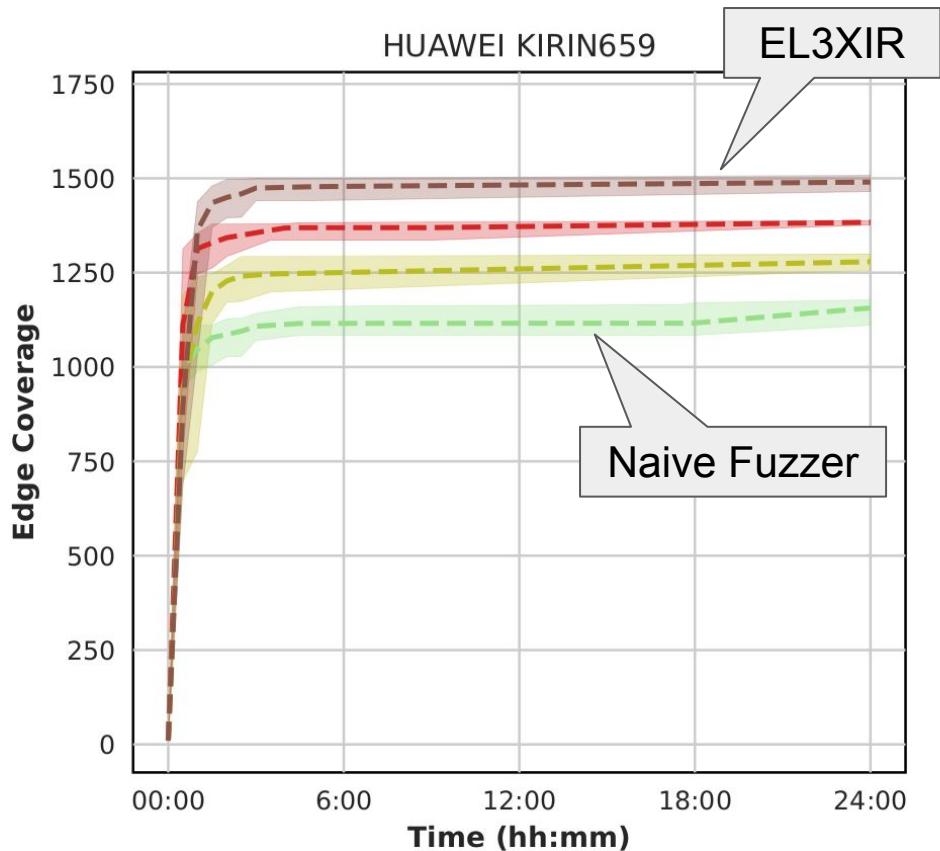


- 7 targets from 6 different vendors
  - 4 open-source, 3 closed-source
- EL3XIR triggered 34 bugs (**17** security relevant) in 5 targets
  - Naive baseline comparison triggered 19 bugs (**10** security relevant)
- Responsible disclosure resulted in 6 CVEs plus 11 confirmed bugs

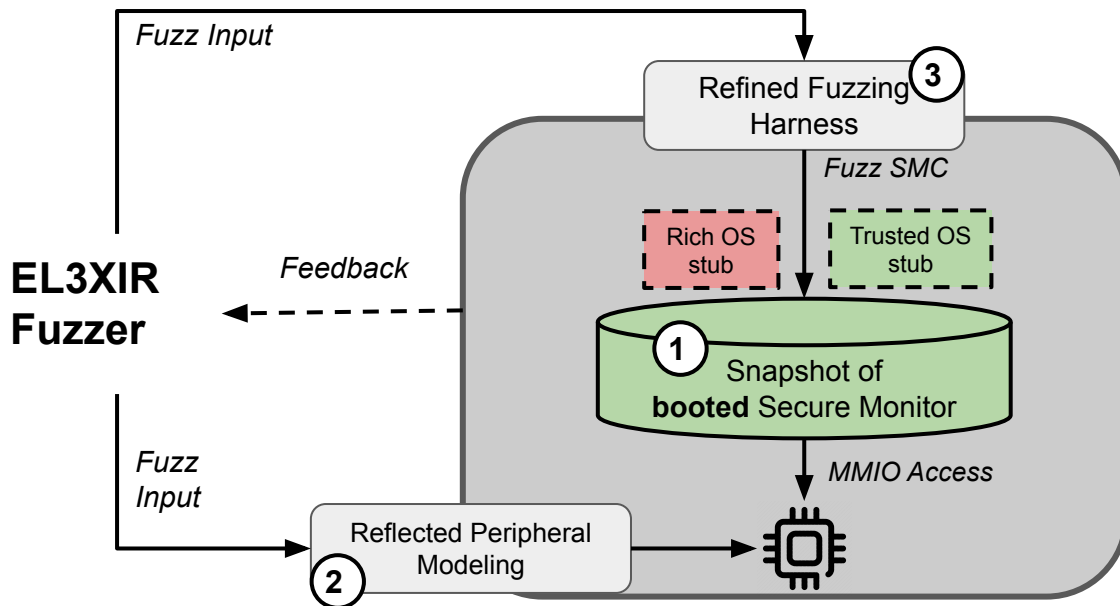
**CVE-2022-38787, CVE-2023-22327 (5 different bugs),  
CVE-2023-49614, CVE-2024-22390, CVE-2023-31339,  
CVE-2023-49100**



# Evaluation - Coverage



# EL3XIR: Fuzzing COTS Secure Monitors



[github.com/HexHive/EL3XIR](https://github.com/HexHive/EL3XIR)

- Rehosting Framework for proprietary TrustZone Firmware
- Highly automated Fuzzing Pipeline including Harness Synthesis and Peripheral Modeling
- Fuzz your own Secure Monitor

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