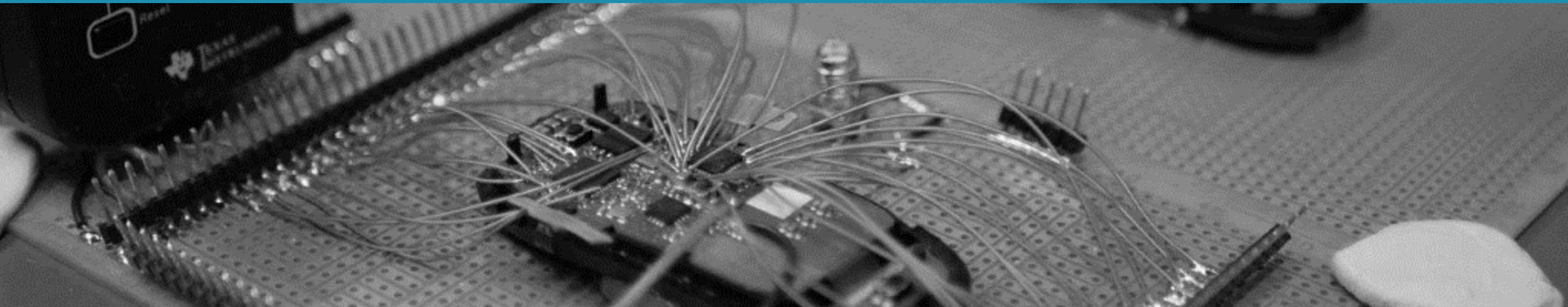
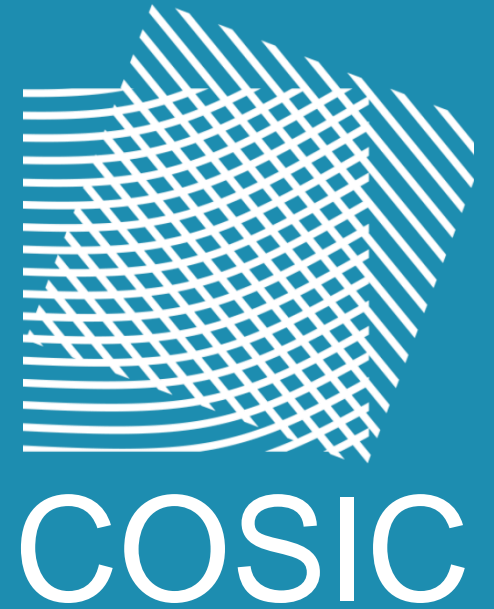


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Model X key fob

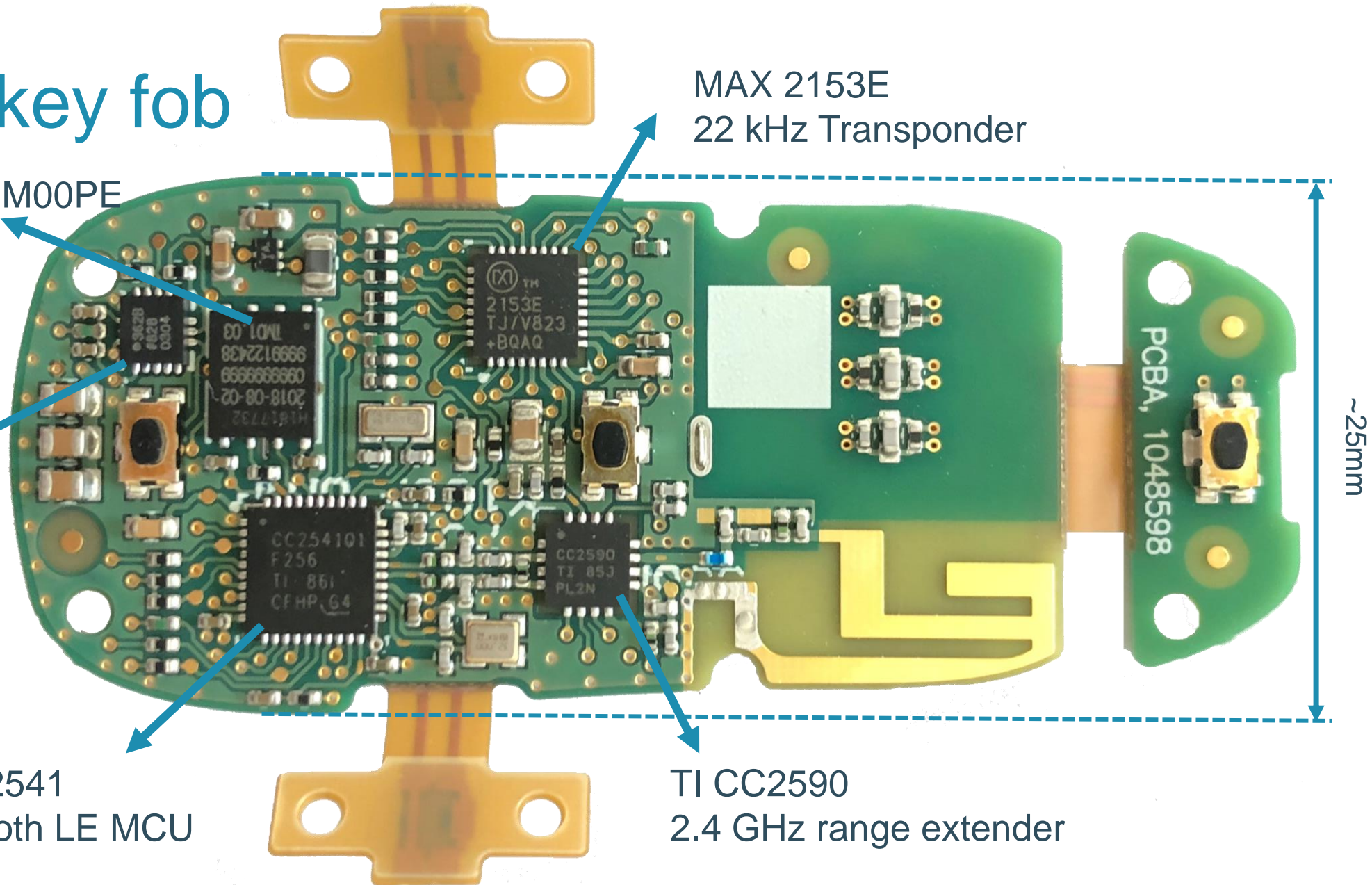
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CC EAL5+ certified

ADXL362B
Accelerometer

TI CC2541
Bluetooth LE MCU

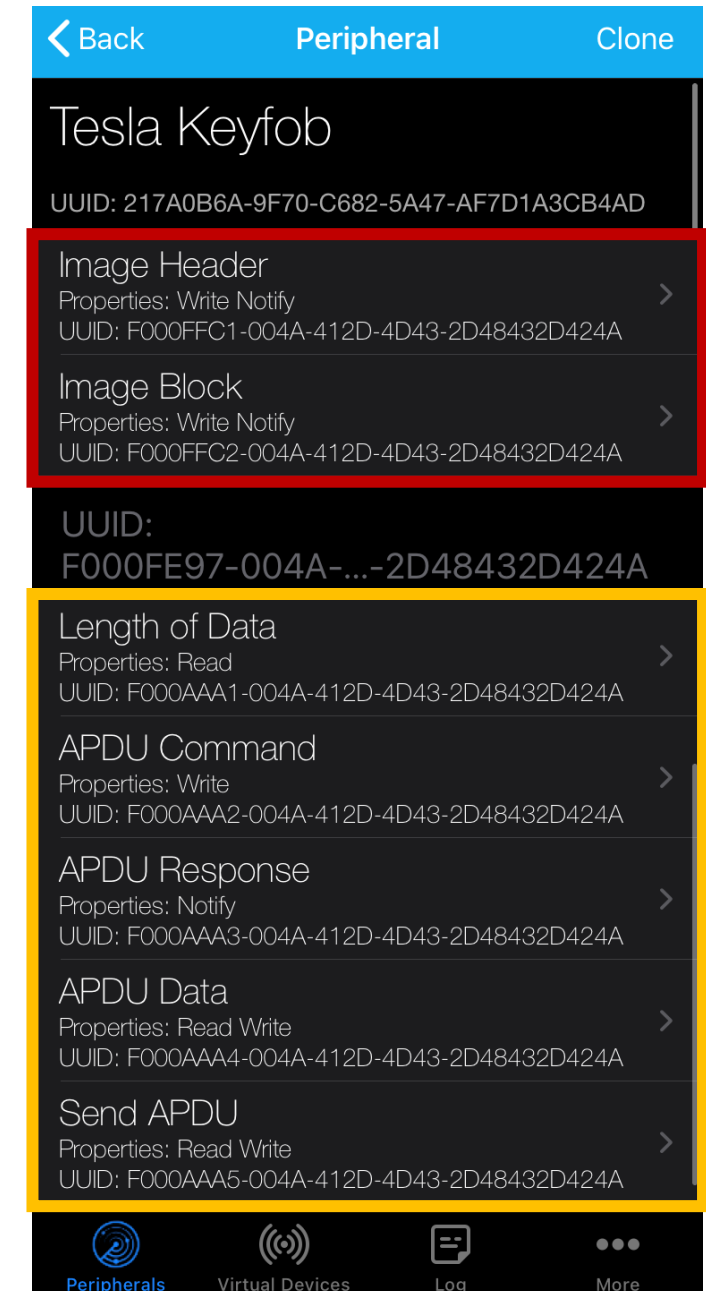
MAX 2153E
22 kHz Transponder

TI CC2590
2.4 GHz range extender



BLE Interface

- Key fob is a BLE peripheral
- Reseat the battery (power cycle)
 - Key fob advertises as connectable
- Over-Air-Download
 - Slightly modified compared to the example implementation
 - **Improper signature validation**
- Application Protocol Data Unit Interface
 - Allows to send APDU commands to the SE over BLE
 - **Some APDUs blocked**

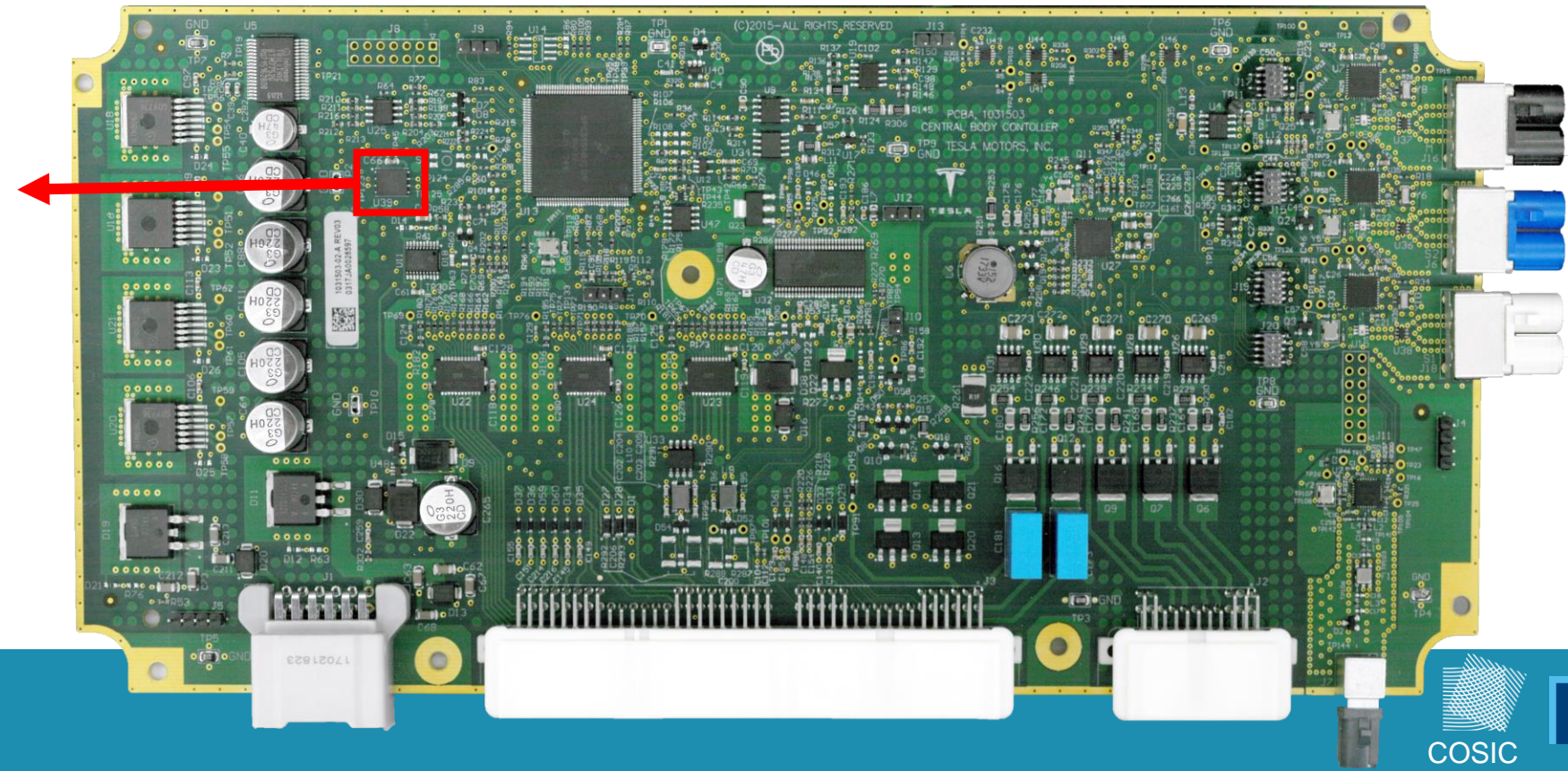


Force key fob wake-up

- Body Control Module can send a wake-up command over LF
- Allows a car to wake-up key fobs that have been paired to it
 - Based on an identifier derived from the VIN

Model X BCM PCB

Infineon SLM97CFX1M00PE
Stores VIN

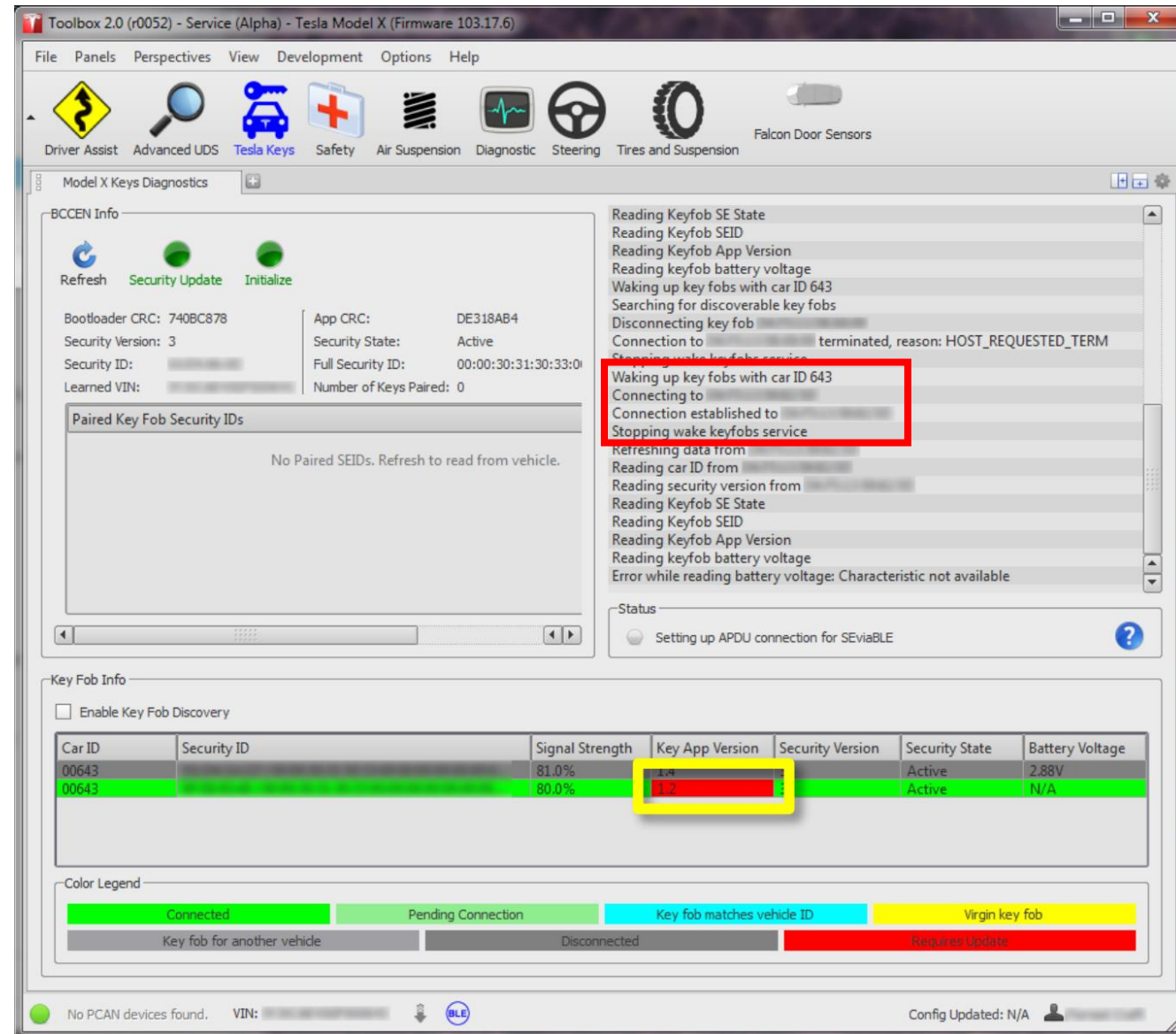


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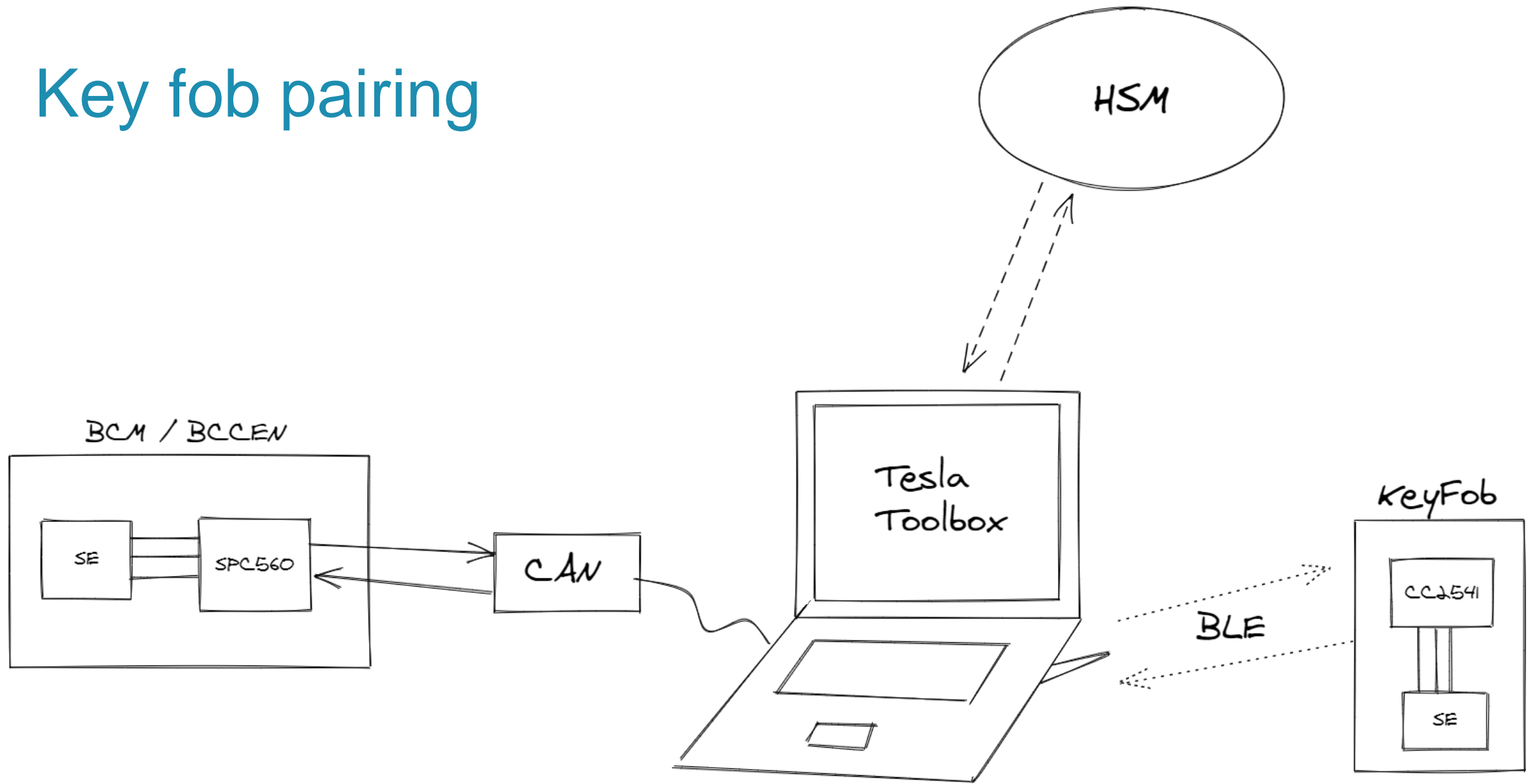
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Toolbox

- Used for servicing Model S and X
- Not publicly available
 - Available 'on the internet'
 - Briefly (unintentionally?) released
- Interesting parts are stored encrypted
 - must be decrypted before use ;)

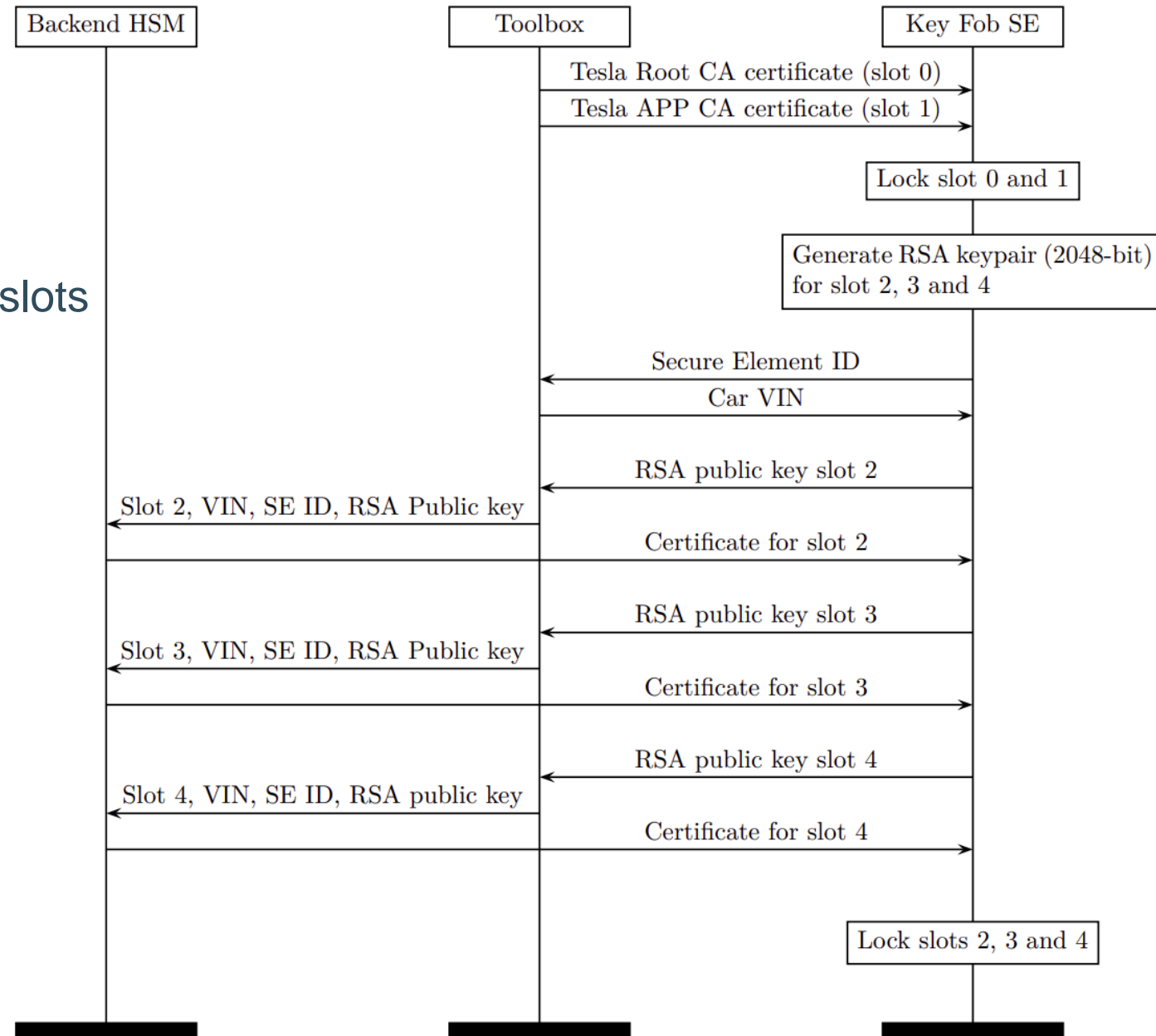


Key fob pairing



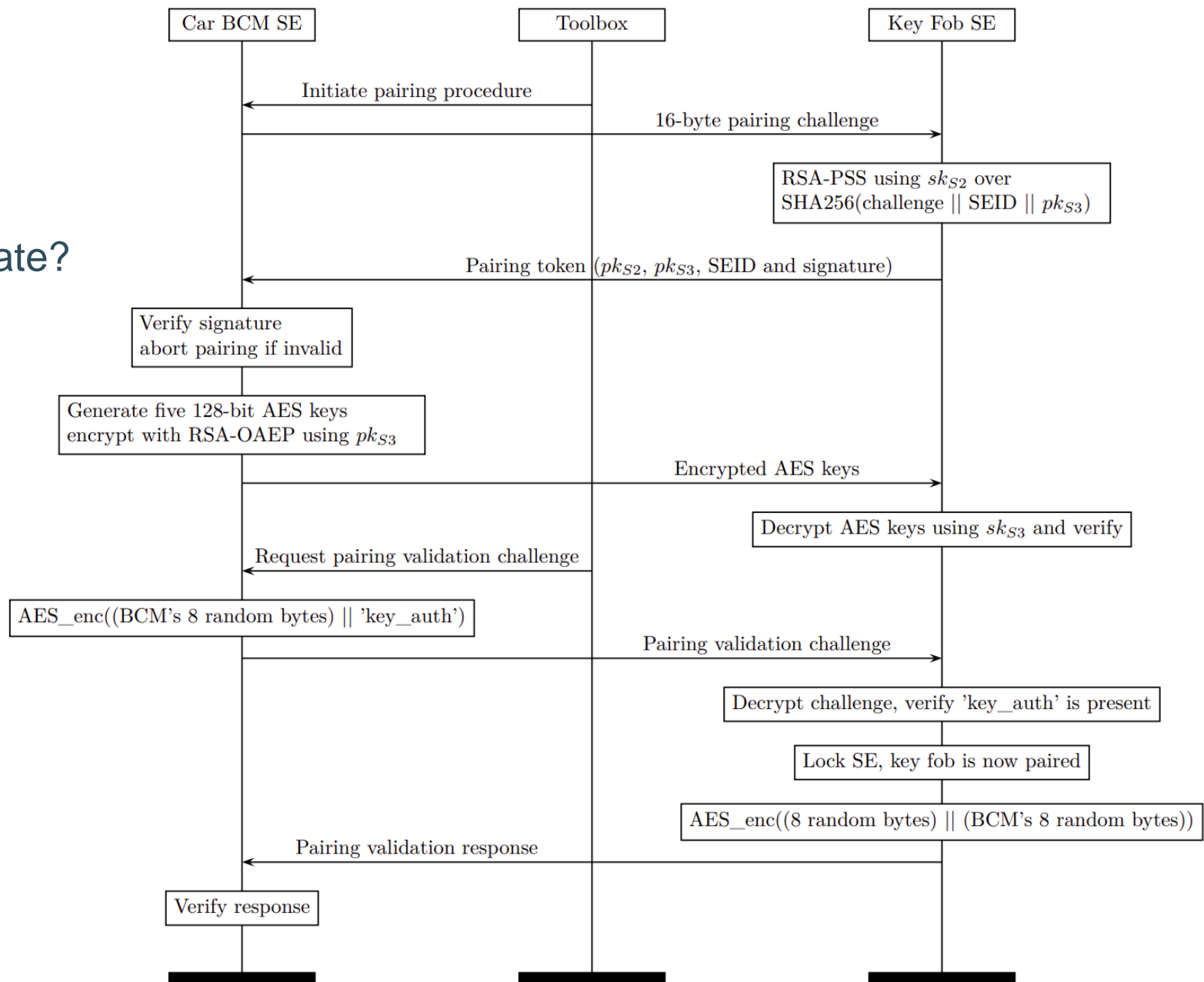
Provisioning

- Key fob Secure Element (SE) has 5 RSA slots
 - Slot 0 and 1: Tesla CA certificates
 - Slot 2, 3 and 4: key fob specific
- HSM signs certificate for slot 2, 3 and 4
 - Presumably so the car can ensure it is pairing to a legitimate key fob
 - Certificates are stored in key fob SE



Pairing

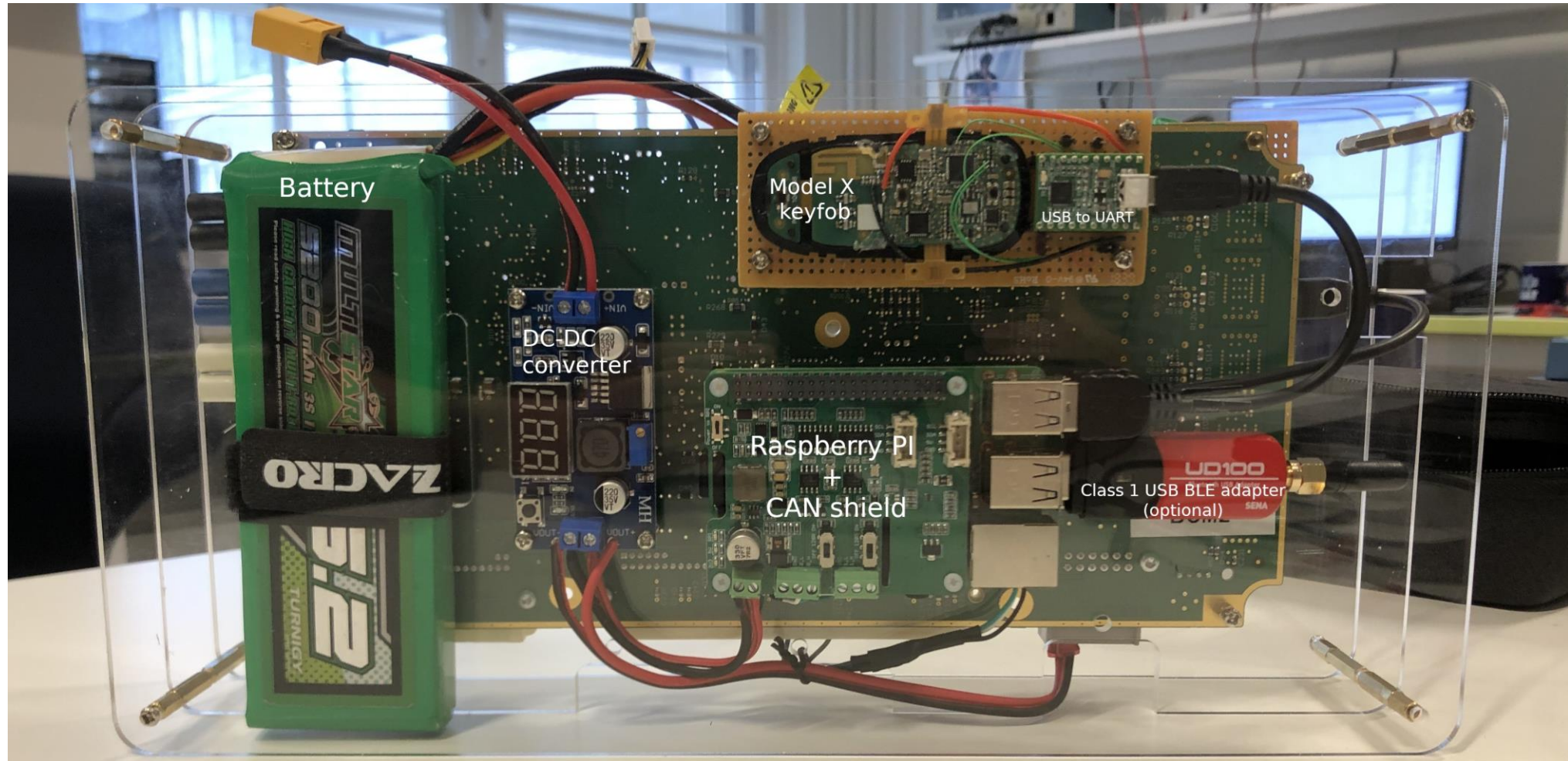
- Where's Wally/Waldo the certificate?



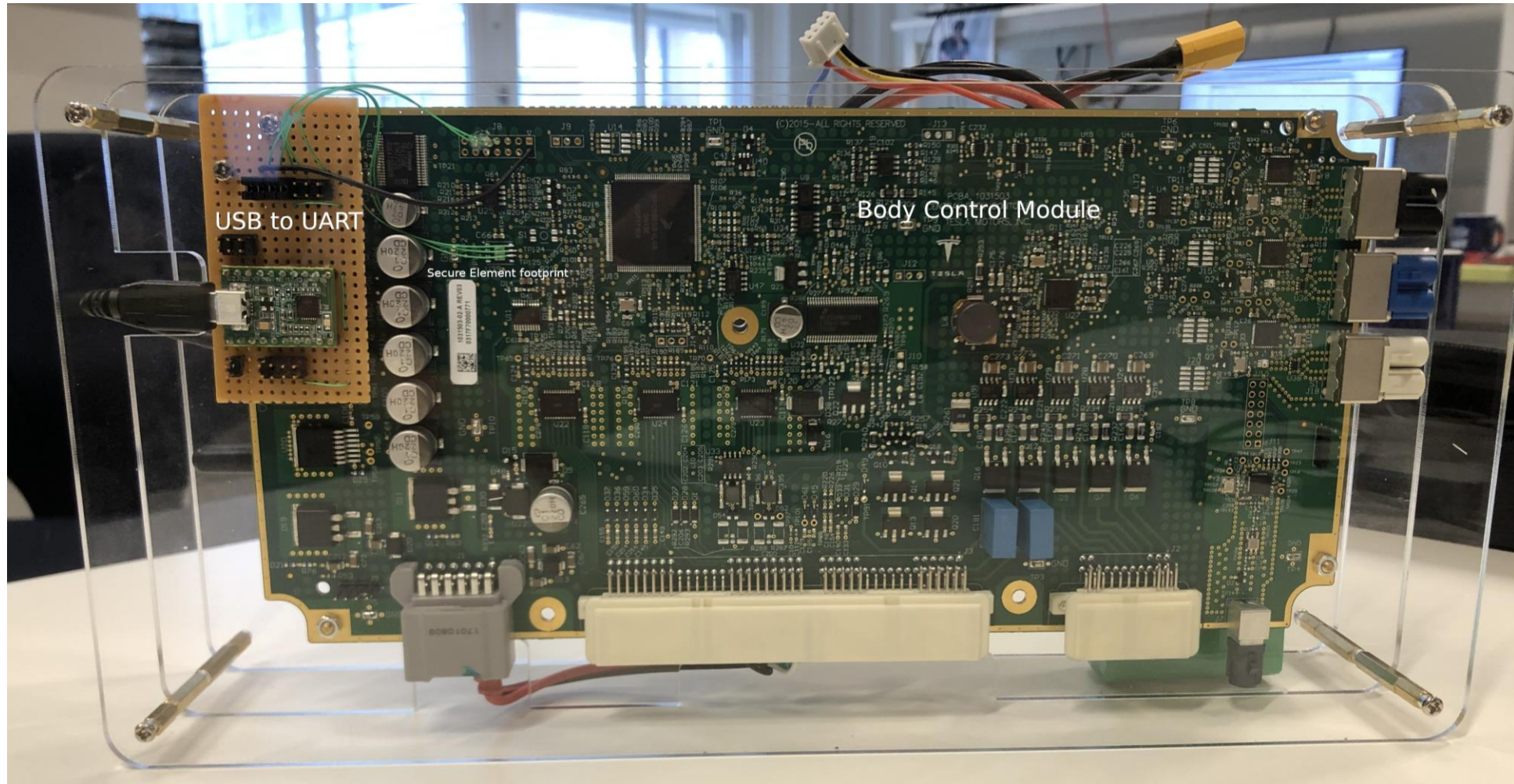
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 - Key fob is modified by replacing the secure element

Proof of Concept



Proof of Concept



Disclosure timeline

- Initial disclosure: August 17 2020
- Patch release: November 2020 (update 2020.48)
- Bounty: \$5000

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This Bluetooth Attack Can Steal a Tesla Model X in Minutes

The company is rolling out a patch for the vulnerabilities, which allowed one researcher to break into a car in 90 seconds and drive away.



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