

STARSS: Domain Informed Techniques for Detecting and Defending Against Malicious Firmware (PI: Kevin Butler)

- **Hypothesis:** Understanding the communication protocols used by microcontroller firmware can ensure their safety and security and help protect computers from malicious devices.

- **Major results:**

- **LBM:** BPF-based protection framework for Linux defends against syntax and semantic attacks from USB, Bluetooth, NFC devices (Oakland 2019)

- **ProXRay:** Protocol model learning based on firmware analysis for automatic recognition of device functionality (IEEE Trans. Soft. Eng. 2020)

