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Fractured Backbones – Incidents Detection and Forensics in Telco Networks

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Joint research of Incident Response and Telco Security Teams

Introduction

Technologies behind telco networks

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

What we use today and what technology lies at the heart of it

Mobile internet
Social networks
Messengers
Online banking
Internet of Things

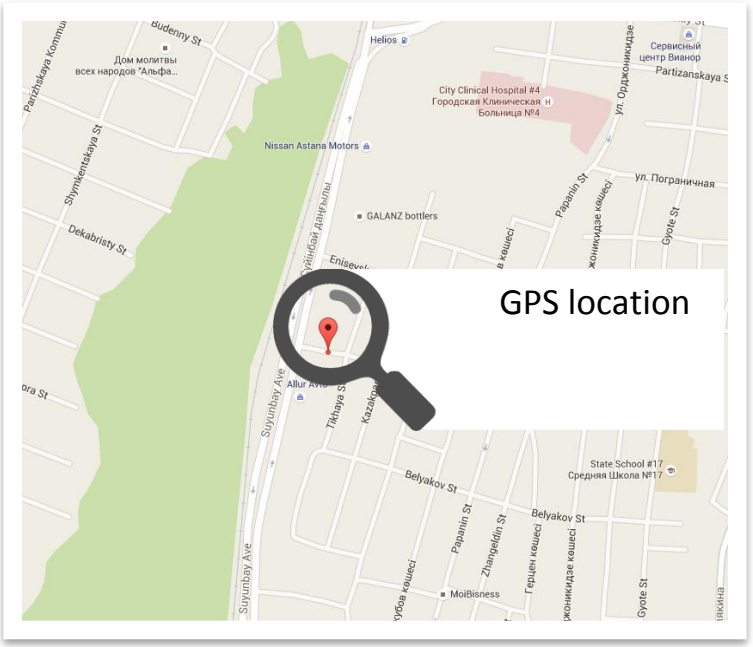
Mobile communication developed in the 2000s

SS7 network developed in the 1970s – 1990s

Types of Incidents

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Subscriber location tracking
- Call interception (wiretapping)
- SMS interception and spoofing
- DoS, including balance DoS
- Other Fraudulent activities

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      ▷ sm-RP-OA: serviceCentreAddressOA (4)
        sm-RP-UI: 040b919750351841f200006110513112534 20cd4f29c0
◢ GSM SMS TPDU (GSM 03.40) SMS-DELIVER
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    ..0. .... = TP-SRI: A status report shall not be returned to
    .... 0... = TP-LP: The message has not been forwarded and is
    .... .1.. = TP-MMS: No more messages are waiting for the MS i
    .... ..00 = TP-MTI: SMS-DELIVER (0)
  ▷ TP-Originating-Address - (
  ▷ TP-PID: 0
  ▷ TP-DCS: 0
  ▷ TP-Service-Centre-Time-Stamp
    TP-User-Data-Length: (12) depends on Data-Coding-Scheme
  ◢ TP-User-Data
      SMS text: Test sms 1.2
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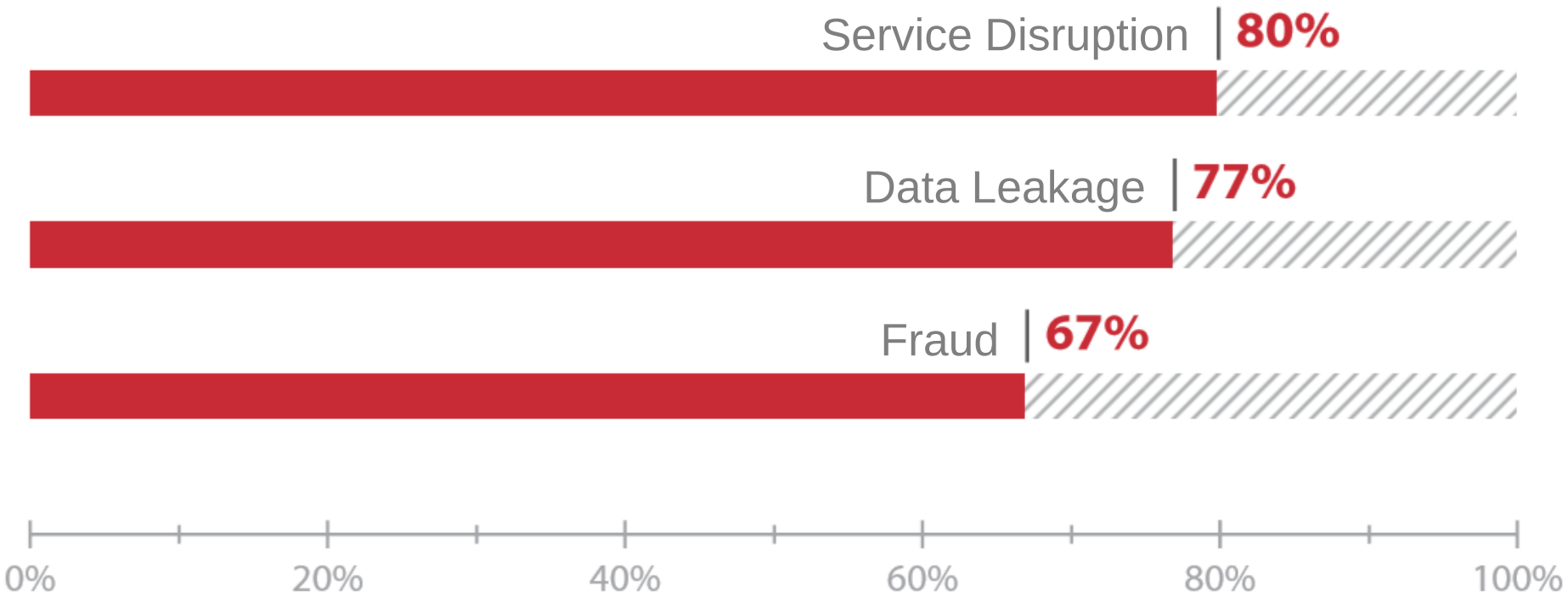
Incidents statistics. Major threats

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES



Percentage of vulnerable networks

Incidents statistics. Data leakage

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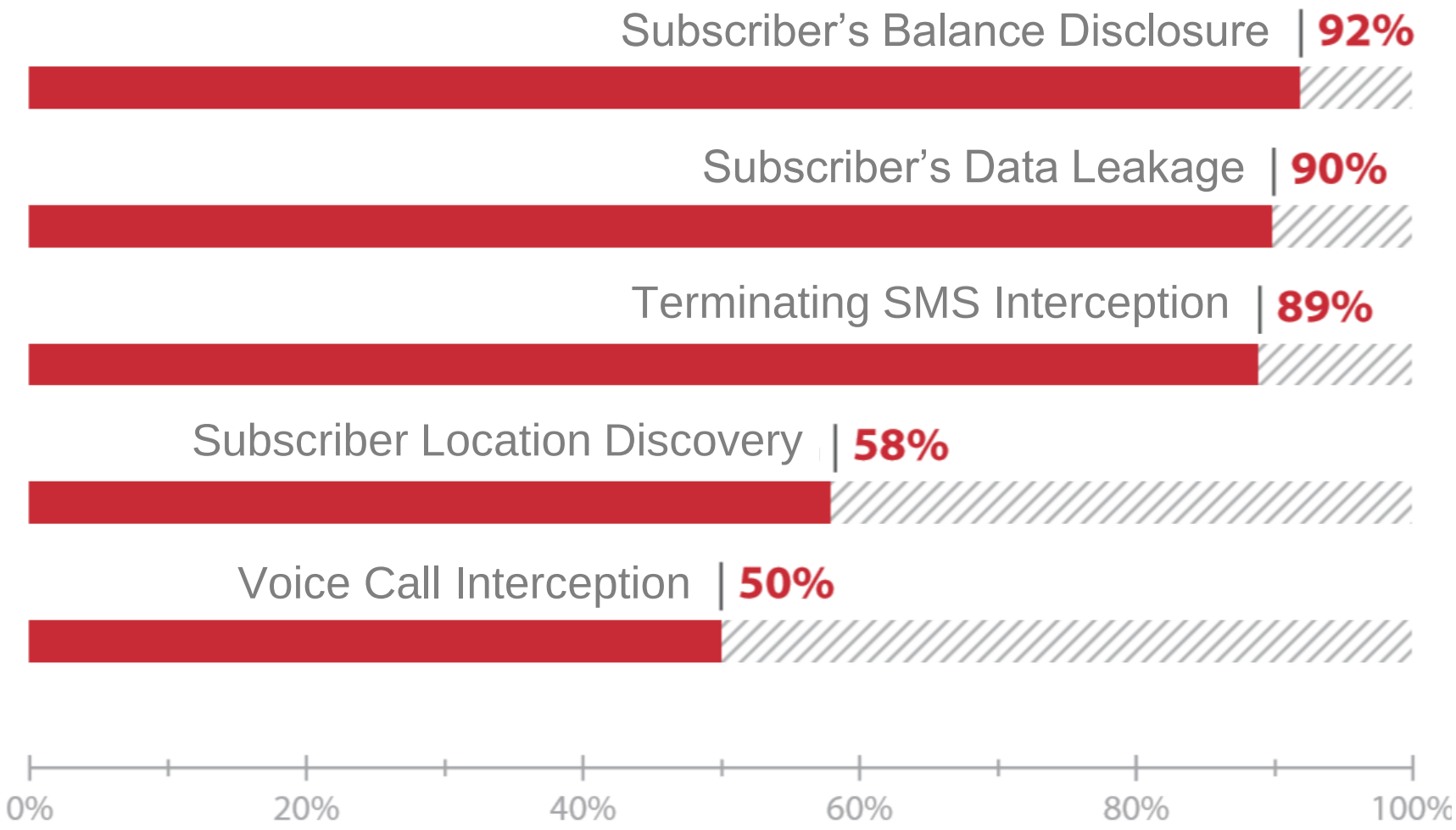
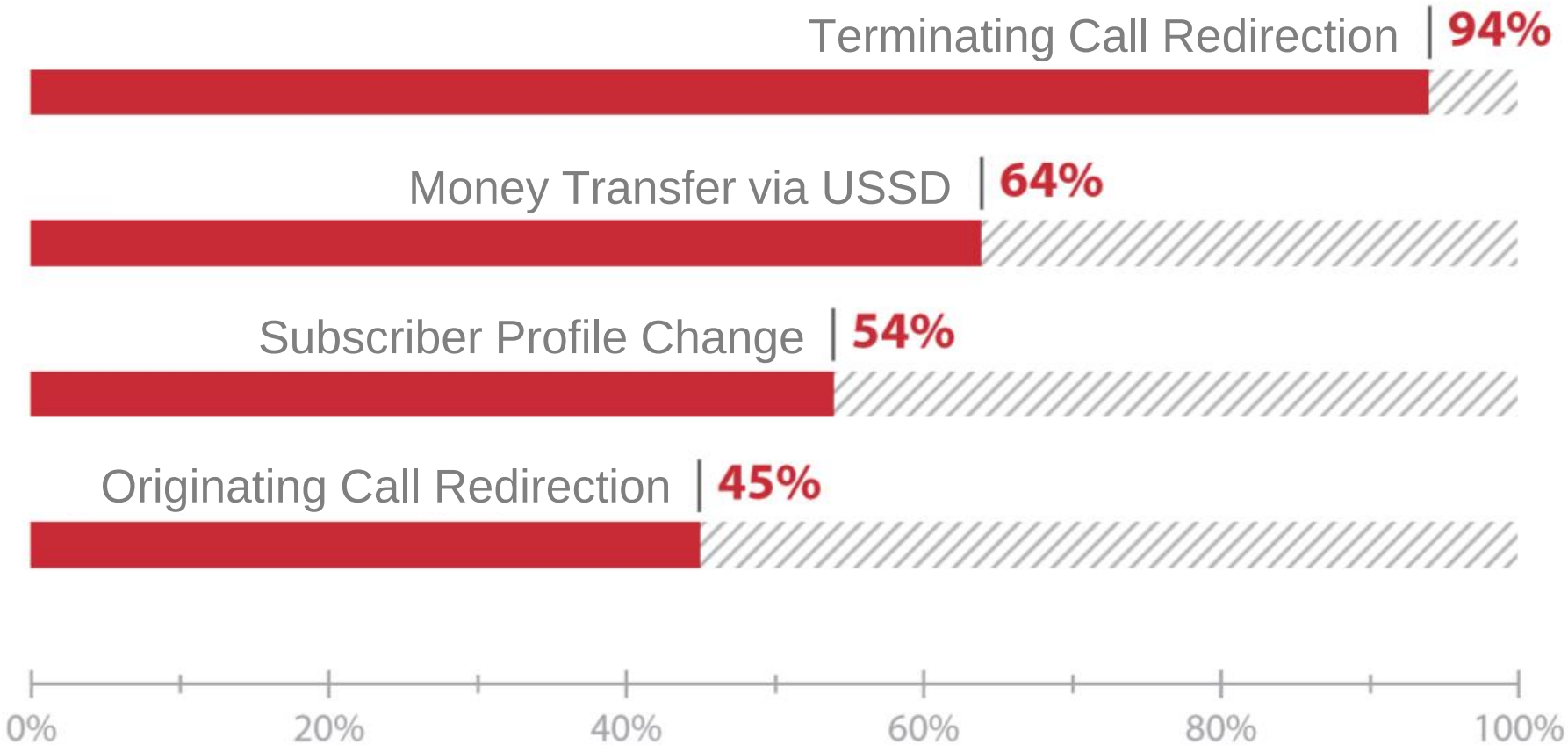


Percentage of vulnerable networks

Incidents statistics. Fraud

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES



Percentage of vulnerable networks

Incident victims

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Mobile operator subscribers
- Mobile operator
- Other Mobile operators and their subscribers
- Third parties (often Banks and Their clients)

Prerequisites of attacks

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

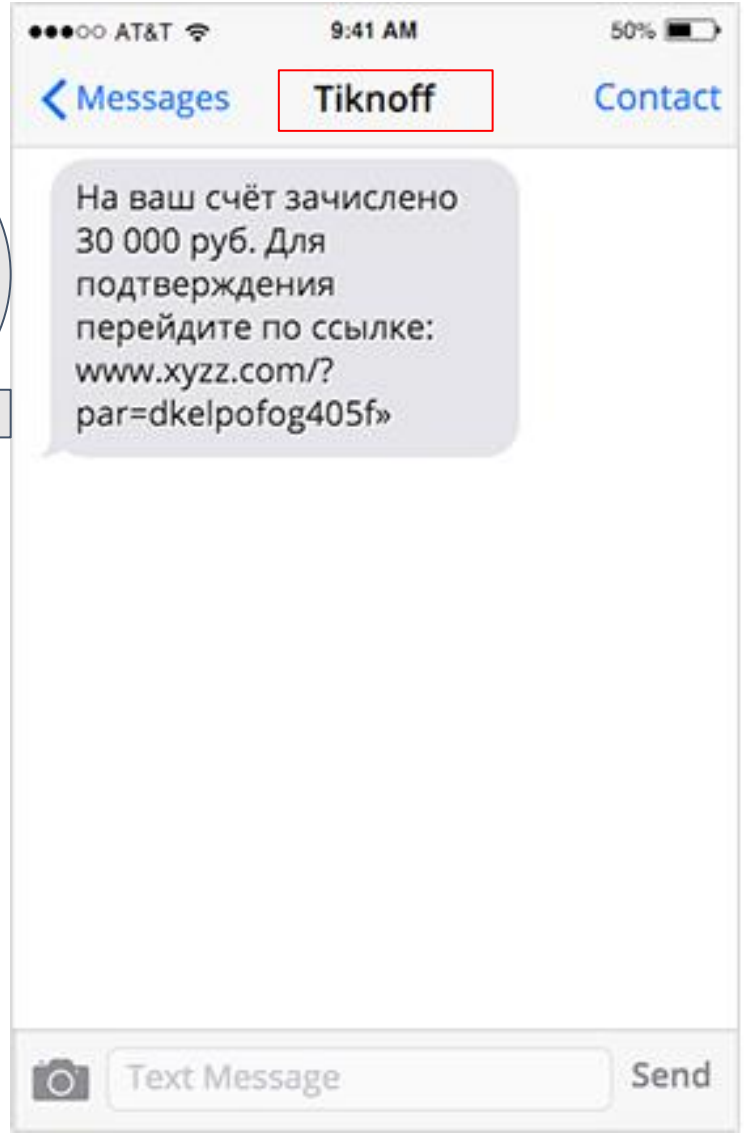
- Internal intruder or Staff initiated attacks
- Level0 (almost) Kiddies - attacks that not require deep technical knowledge
  - SMS fraud as preliminary stage of malware based attacks
  - Fraud with social engineering (direct target is victim)
  - Proxified fraud with social engineering
- Level1(Locally initiated) - attacks that require technical knowledge about Radio Access Network protocols
  - IMSI Catcher
  - Bluetooth
  - Calls and SMS from the subscriber located nearby
- **Level2 (Global impact) - attacks that require technical knowledge about telco infrastructure and protocols**

Lightweight scenarios (Level0)

Kiddies fraud examples Typosquatting works well even here

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

You received 30000 RUB, please follow the link for confirmation



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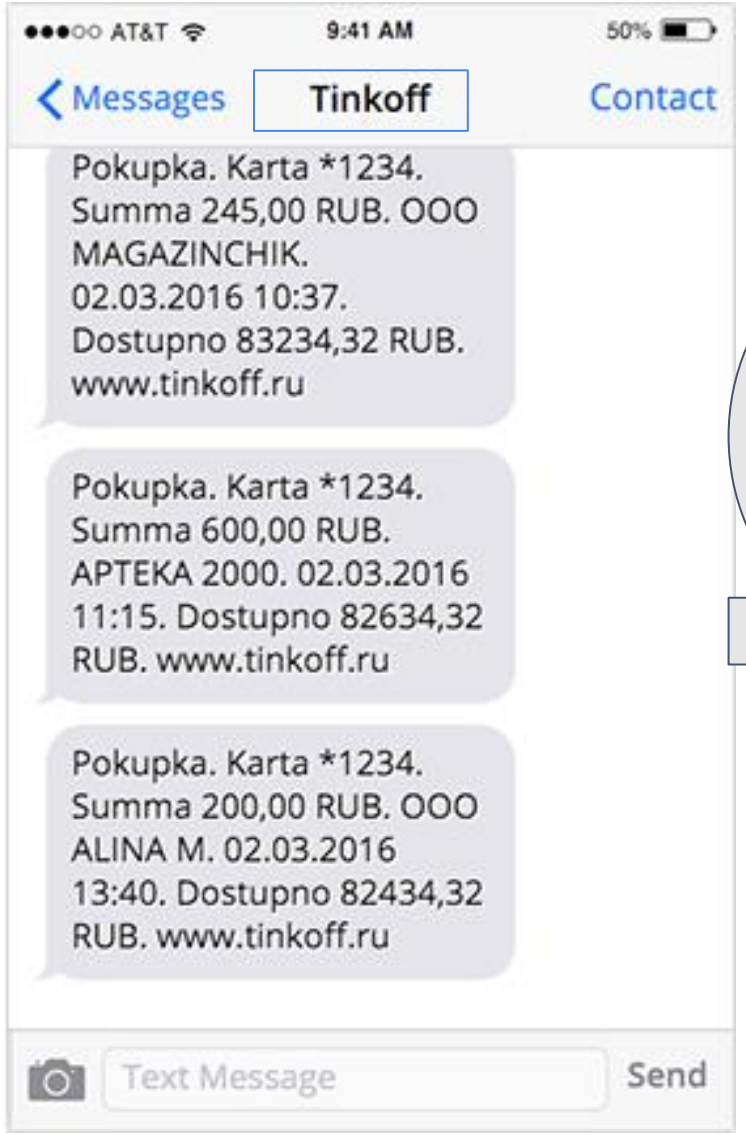

Purchase. Card *1234. Ammount 600 RUB. Drugstore 2000… Available balance 82634.32 RUB

Legit

http://journal.tinkoff.ru/declined/

Central bank not only in emails...

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Mature player and kiddies used the same brand name

March 17, 10:35 Julia Titova

Hackers have stolen from the banks of almost 2 billion rubles. with "letters from the Central Bank"

407 11 1

Forensics found a new virus, with which hackers attacked banks and stole from them for half a year to 1.8 billion rubles. Attackers allegedly sent out letters to banks from the Bank of Russia

Over the past six months, from August 2015 to February 2016, with the help of virus Buhtrap hackers have made 13 successful attacks on Russian banks, as a result of which the kidnapped 1.8 billion rubles., According to a report the

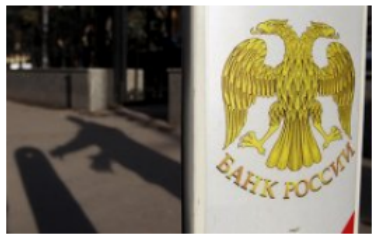

Photo: Yekaterina Kuzmina / RBC

http://www.rbc.ru/finances/17/03/2016/56e97c089a794797e5b8e6b3

/Cental Bank of Russian Federation/ Your banking cards accounts was suspended! Info: +79649910054

SMS/MMS
Сб, 28 мая, 14:36

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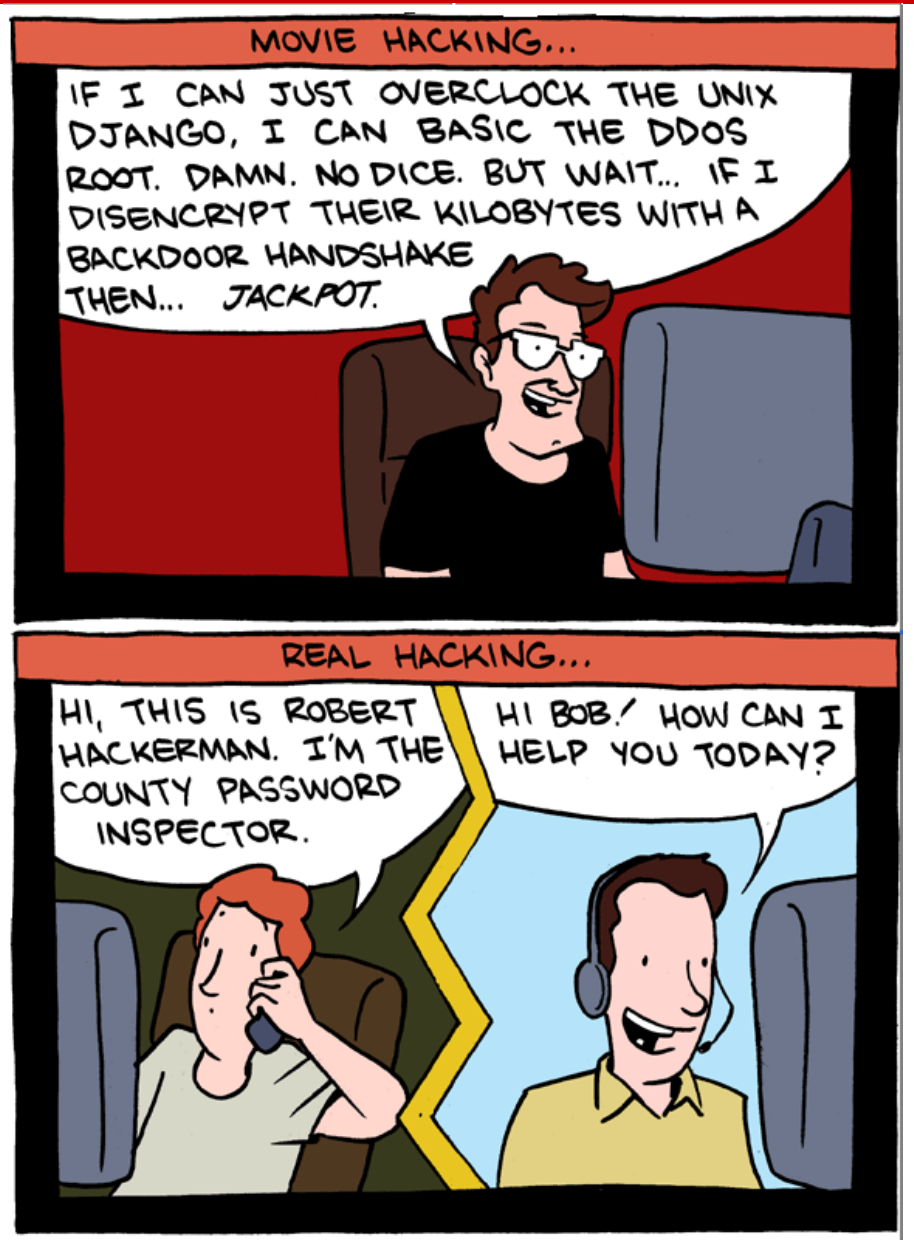
*http://www.msk.kp.ru/daily/26576.4/3591331/

Social engineering telco staff

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Temporary redirect calls and SMS to another number
- Own victim email, social networks accounts, messengers and in some cases Money (Banking OTP TBD)
- Fast WIN



Cases (Level1)

SMS interception

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

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        Battery at 3773 mV.
        Charging at 0 mA.
        Battery capacity is 72%
        Battery range is 3199..
        Battery full at 468 LSB
        Charging at 239 LSB (20
        BCICTL2=0x3ff
        battery-info.flags=0x00
        bat_compal_e88_chg_stat
L1CTL_DM_EST_REQ (arfcn=774, ch
LOST 2110!
L1CTL_DATA_REQ (link_id=0x00)
ul=008318e0, ul->payload=008318
h=008318e4
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<0001> app_ccch_scan.c:464 unknown PCH/AGCH type 0x01
<0001> app_ccch_scan.c:441 PCH pdisc != RR
/AGCH type 0x01
= RR
/AGCH type 0x01
= RR
/AGCH type 0x01
= RR
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= RR
/AGCH type 0x01
SS (ra=0x11, chan_nr=0x41, ARFCN=774, TS=

39 I frame ignored in this state
39 I frame ignored in this state
39 I frame ignored in this state
21 S frame response with F=1 error
 sending MDL-ERROR-IND cause 6
nding MDL-ERROR-IND 6
iscr 0x00
34 S frame ignored in this state
34 S frame ignored in this state
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Filter: gsm_sms Expression... Clear Apply Save

Protocol	Info
GSM SMS	I, N(R)=4, N(S)=4(DTAP) (SMS) CP-DATA (RP) RP-DATA (Network to MS)

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⊞ Frame 8799: 81 bytes on wire (648 bits), 81 bytes captured (648 bits) on interface 0
⊞ Ethernet II, Src: 00:0c:29:8d:e7:25 (00:0c:29:8d:e7:25), Dst: 00:50:56:c0:00:08 (00:50:56:c0:00:08)
⊞ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.183.133 (192.168.183.133), Dst: 192.168.183.1 (192.168.183.1)
⊞ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59208 (59208), Dst Port: 4729 (4729)
⊞ GSM TAP Header, ARFCN: 774 (Downlink), TS: 1, Channel: SDCCH/8 (0)
⊞ Link Access Procedure, Channel Dm (LAPDm)
⊞ GSM A-I/F DTAP - CP-DATA
⊞ GSM A-I/F RP - RP-DATA (Network to MS)
⊟ GSM SMS TPDU (GSM 03.40) SMS-DELIVER
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    .... .0.. = TP-MMS: More messages are waiting for the MS in this SC
    .... ..00 = TP-MTI: SMS-DELIVER (0)
  ⊞ TP-Originating-Address - (41860)
  ⊞ TP-PID: 0
  ⊞ TP-DCS: 0
  ⊞ TP-Service-Centre-Time-Stamp
    TP-User-Data-Length: (23) depends on Data-Coding-Scheme
  ⊟ TP-User-Data
      SMS text: See you at the PHDays V
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0000  09 01 31 01 00 07 91 44  77 58 10 06 50 00 25 00   ..1....D wX..P.%.
0010  05 80 14 68 f0 00 00 51  50 91 61 22 71 00 17 d3   ...h...Q P.a"q...
0020  72 19 94 7f d7 41 61 3a  88 8e 2e 83 a0 48 62 38   r....Aa: .....Hb8
0030  3f 07 59 01                                       ?.Y.
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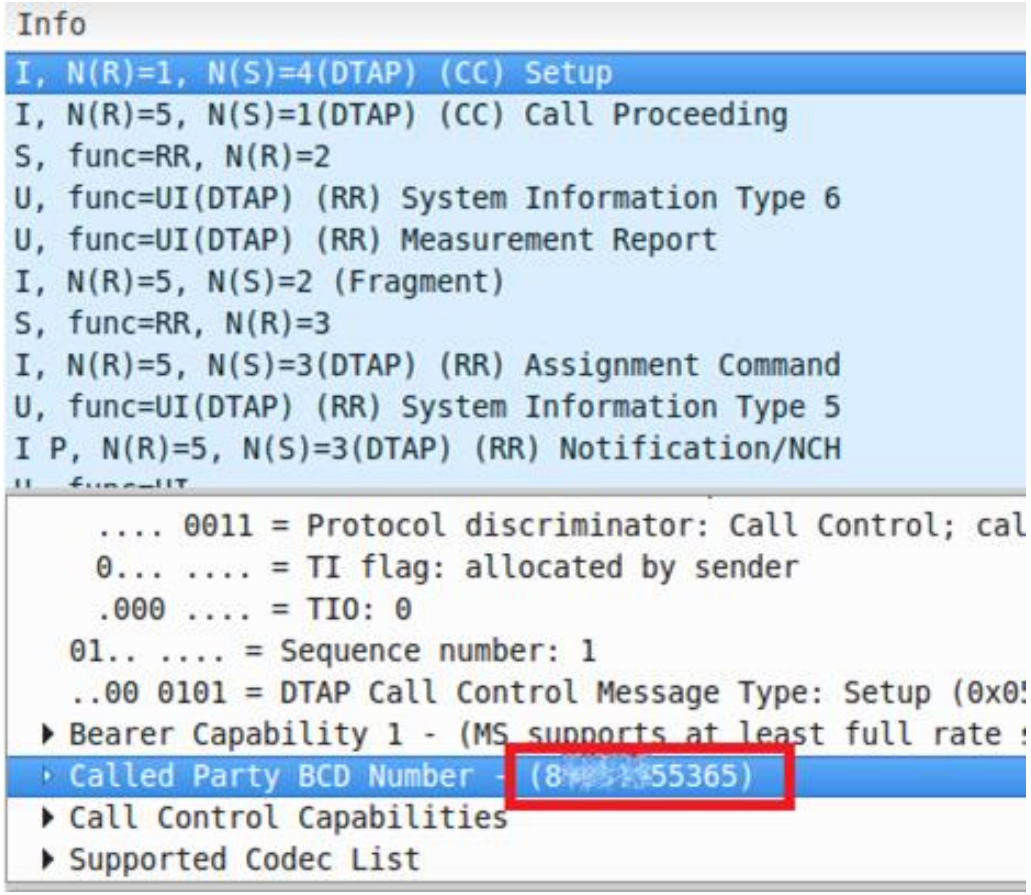
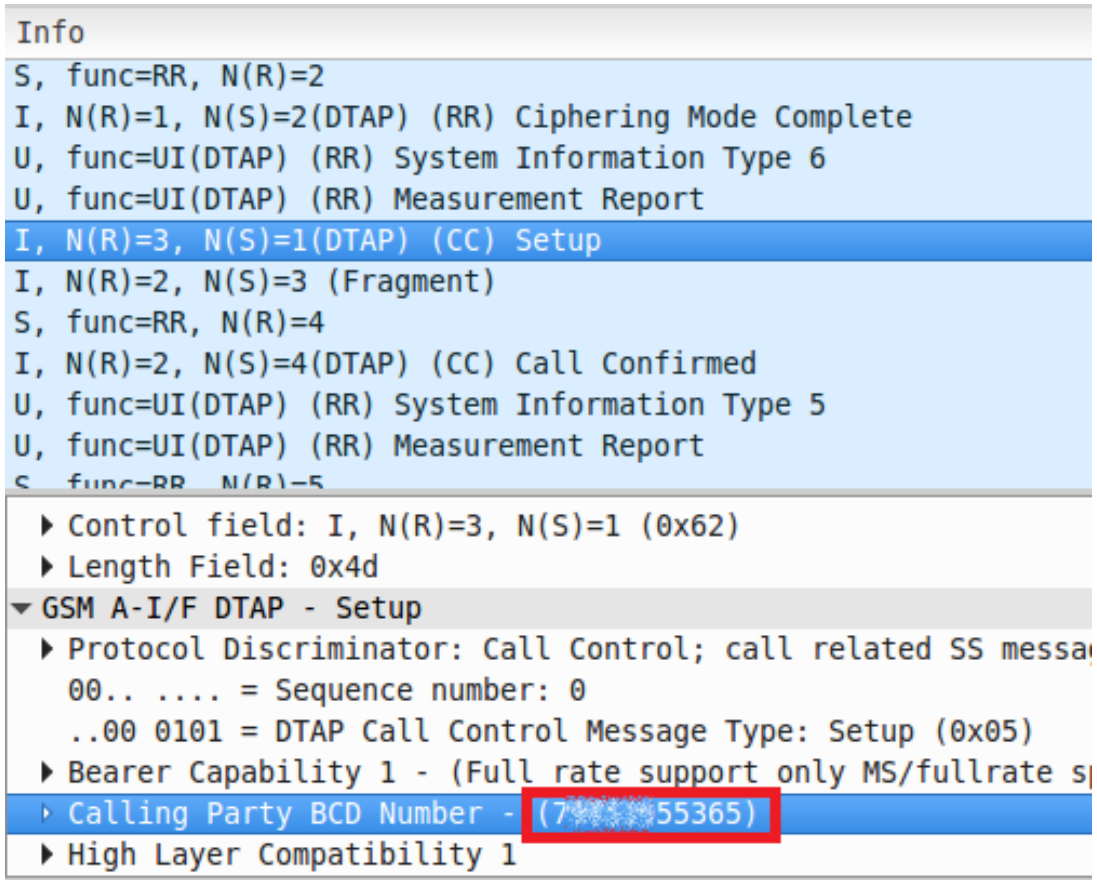
Voice call interception

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Originating call



- Terminating call



Voice call interception. MitM

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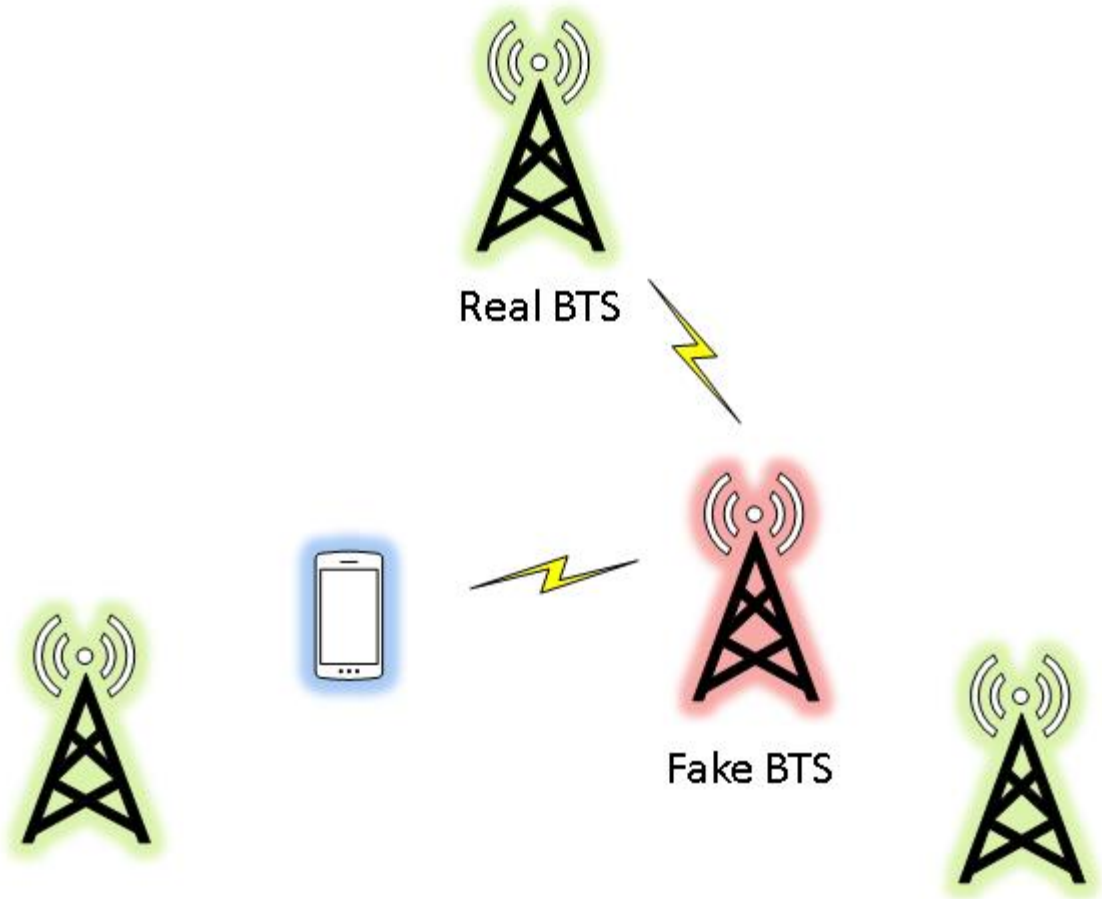

Level2 Cases (global impact)

Telco infrastructure, technical view

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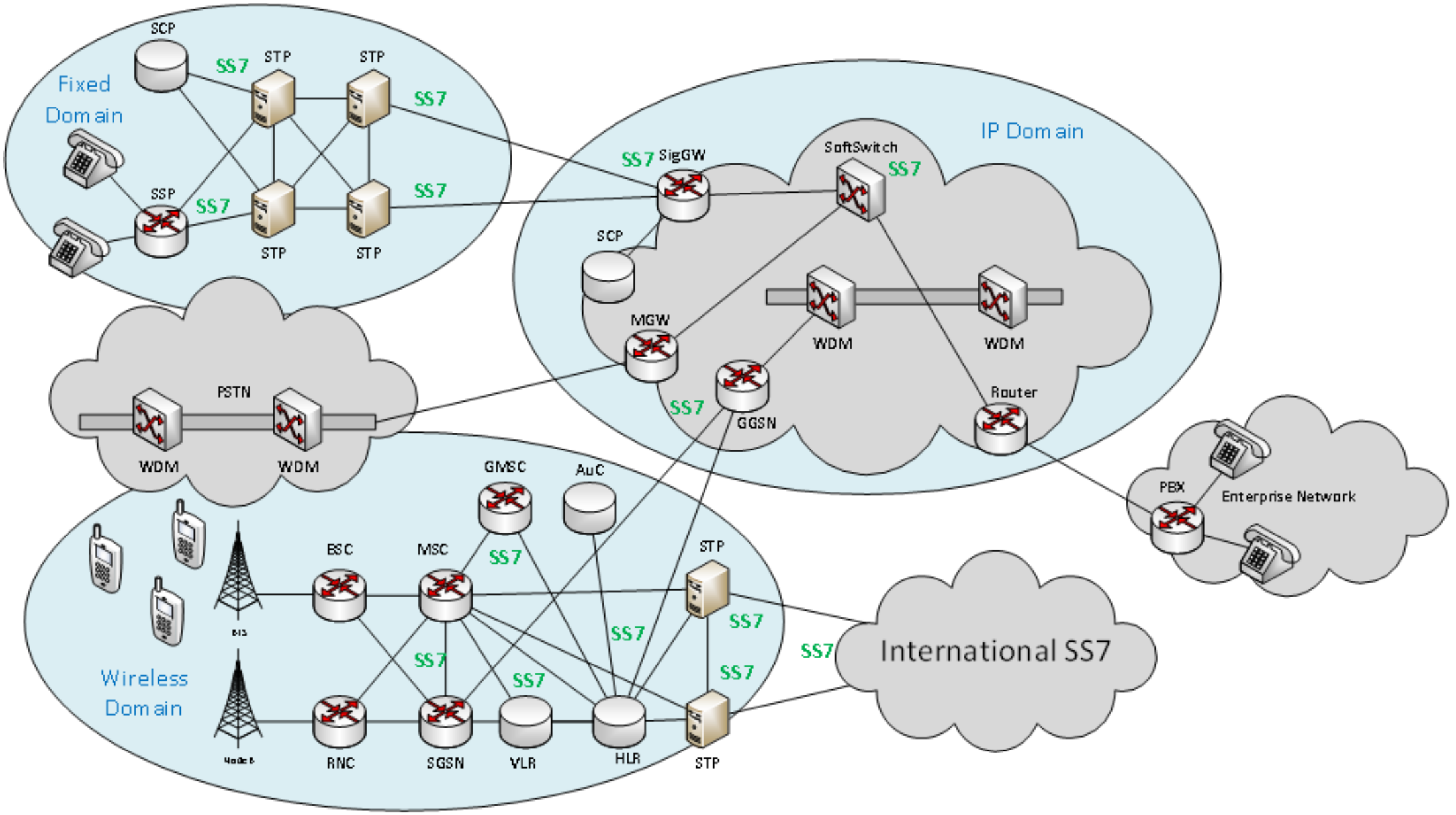

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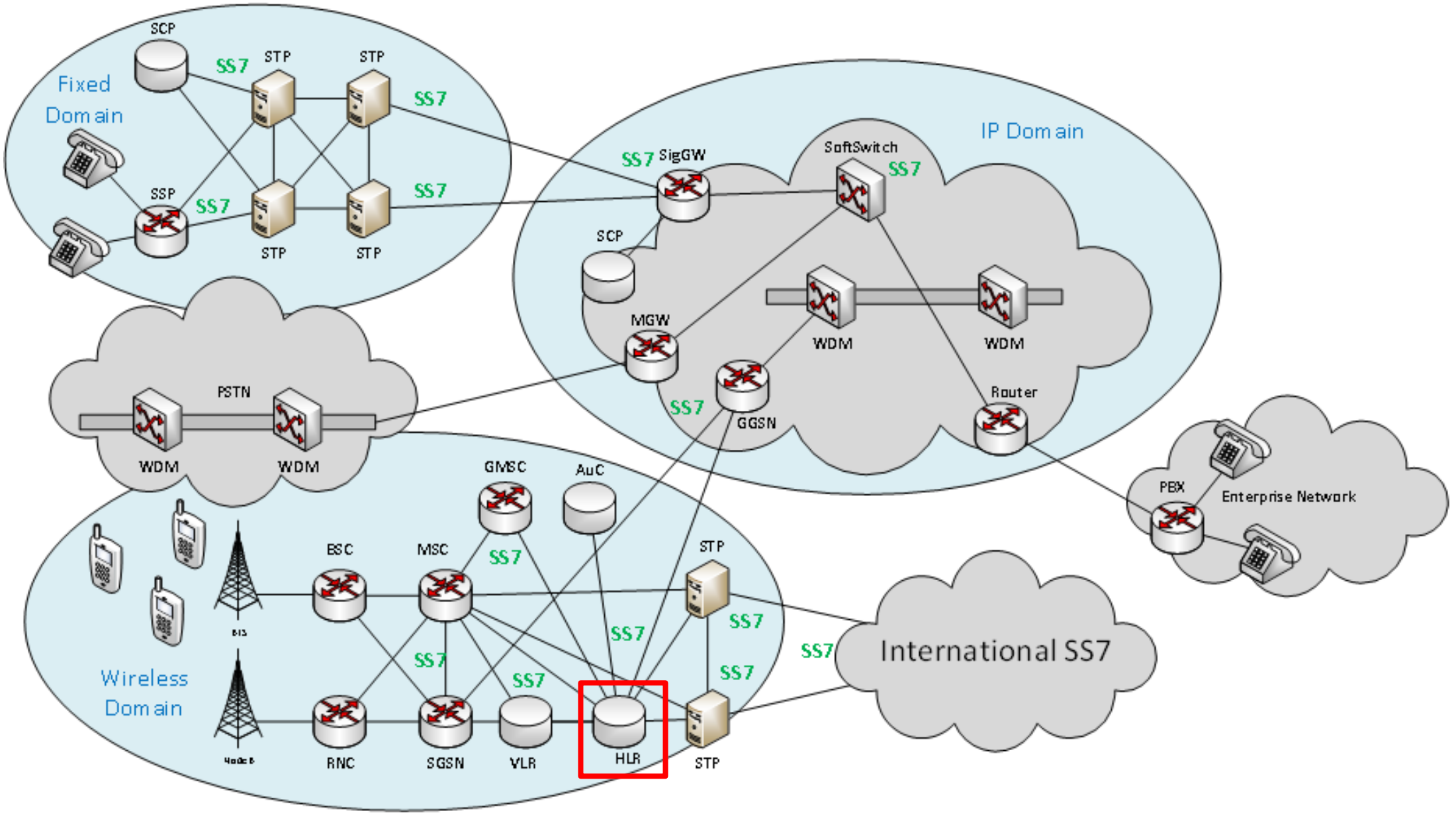

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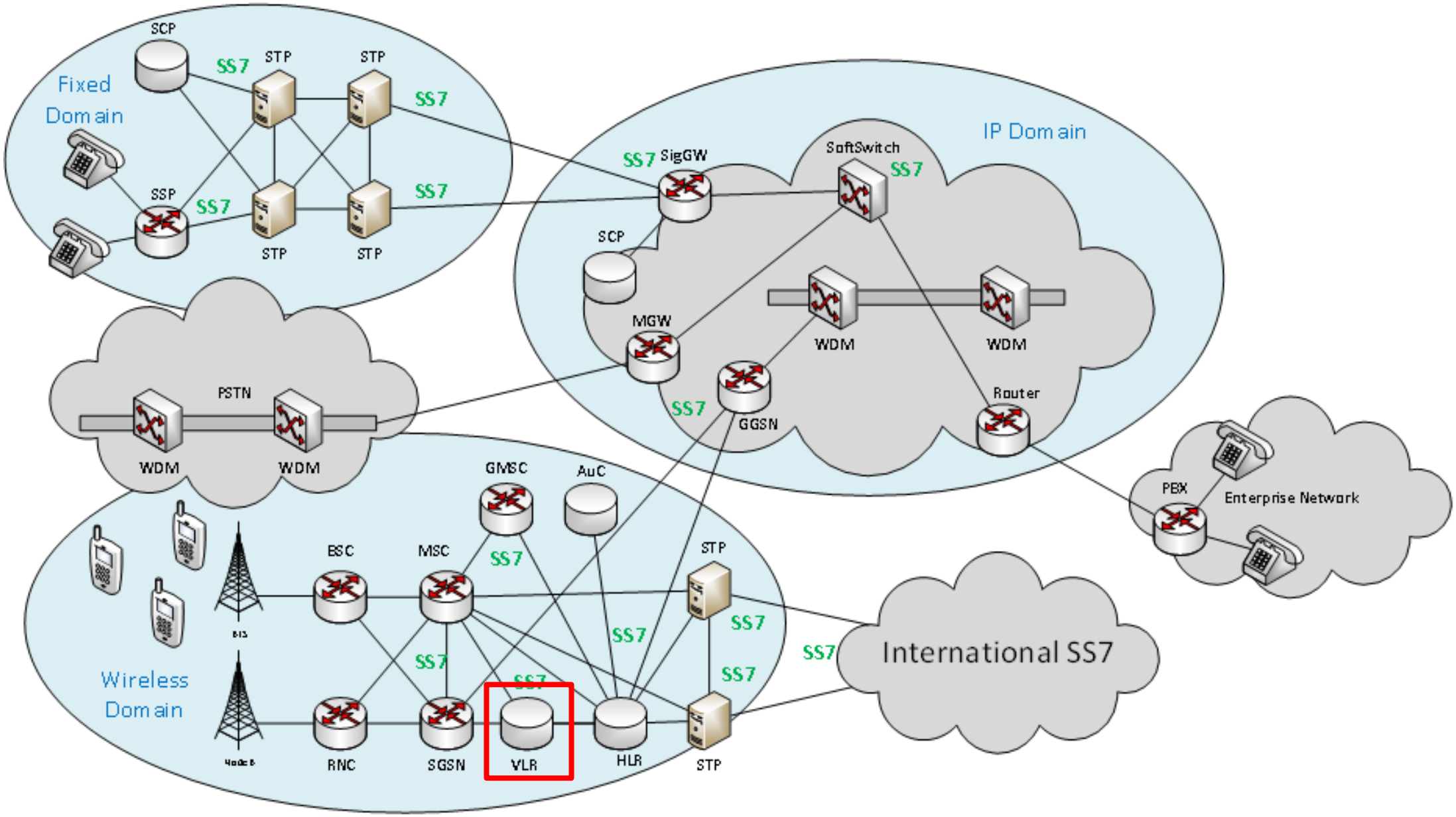

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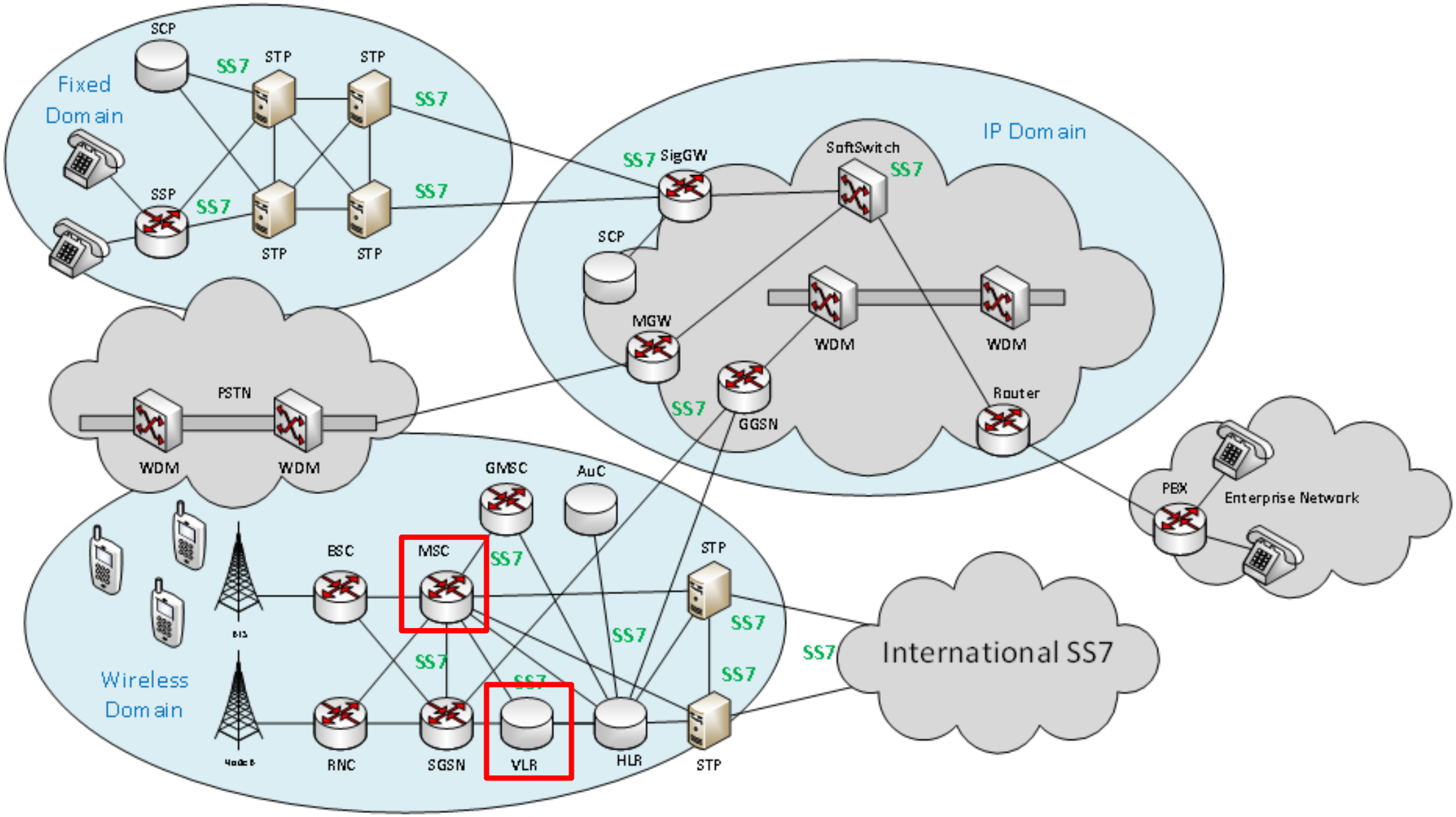

IMSI Disclosure

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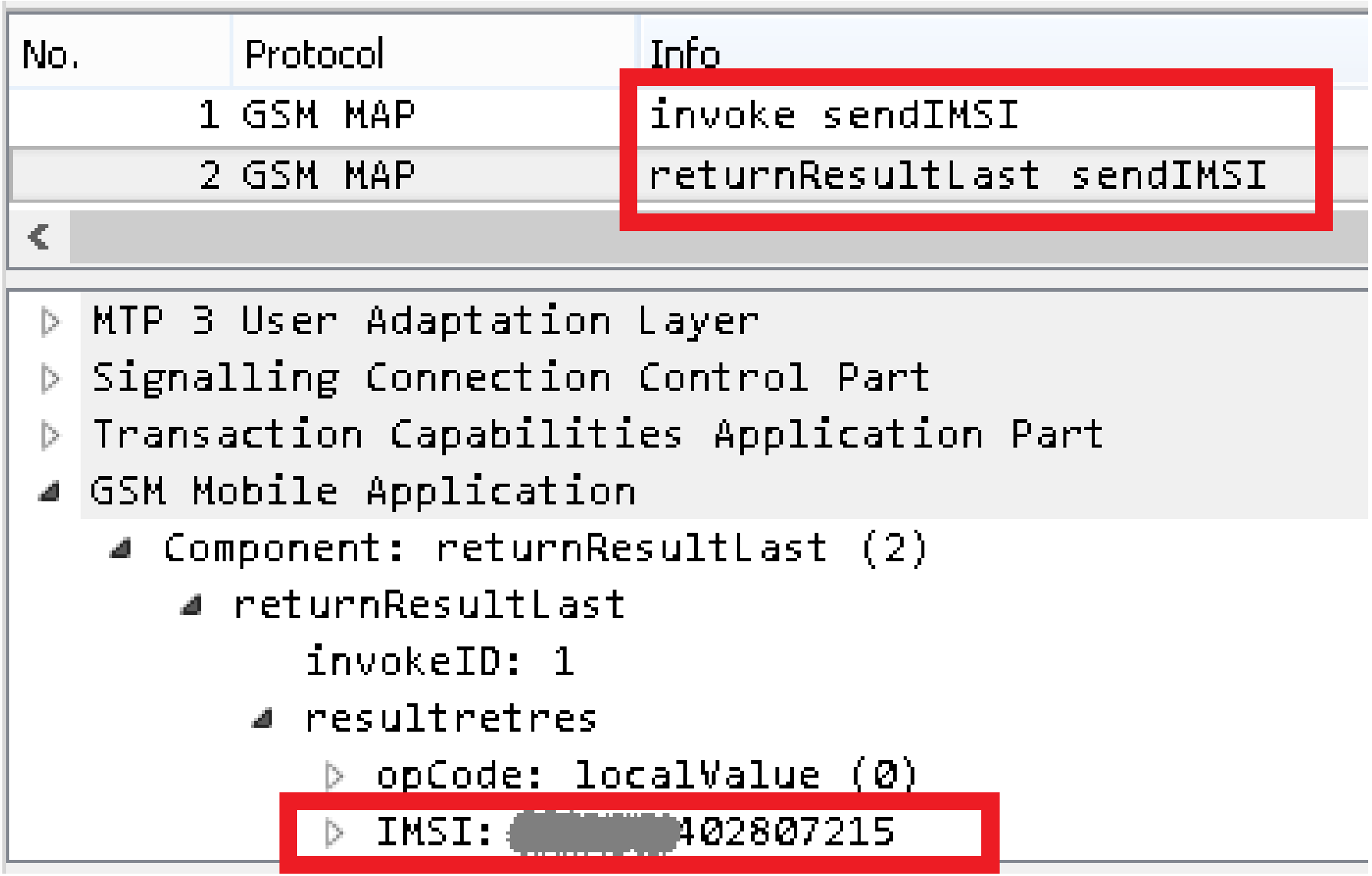
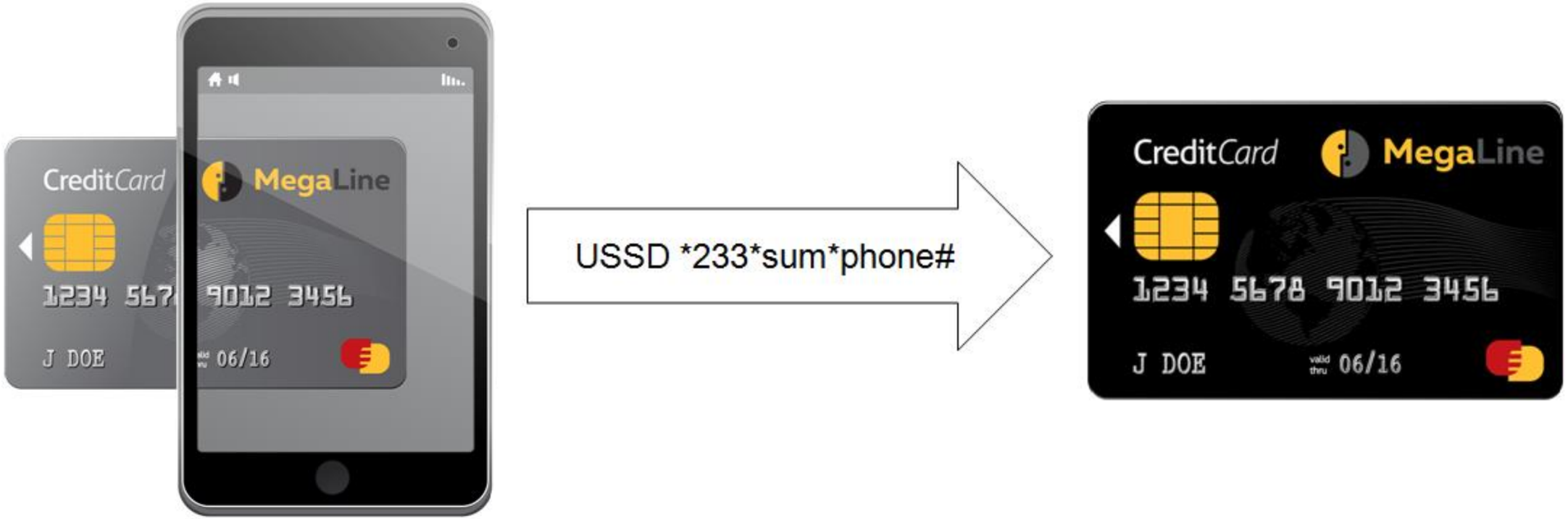


Money fraud cases

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

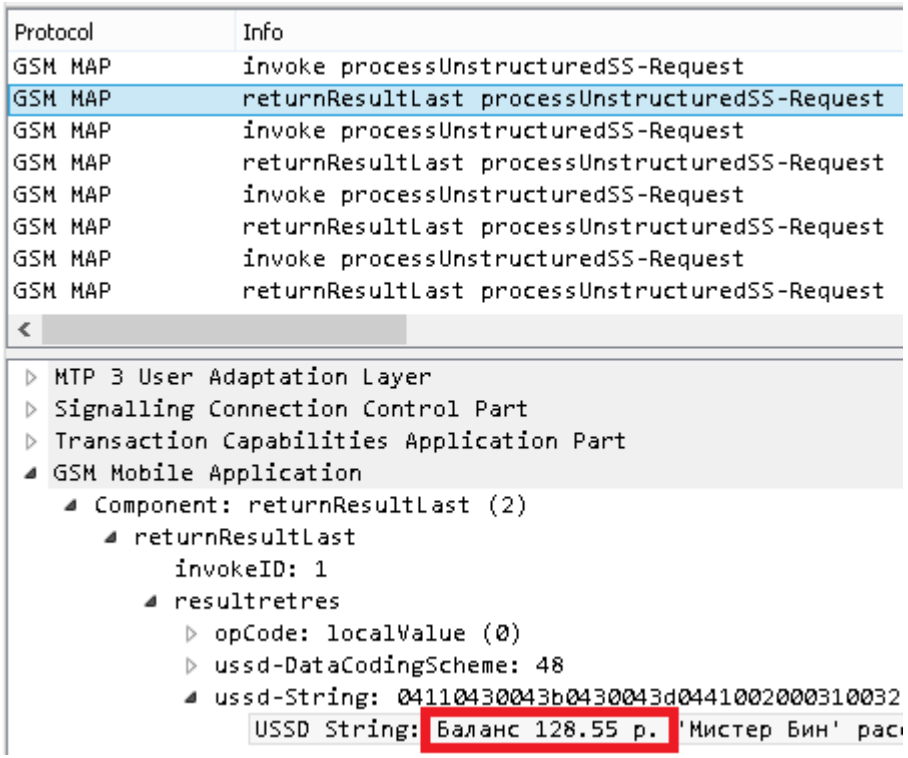


- Infect smartphone with malware.
- Use fake base station (IMSI catcher) and to make software clone of SIM card.
- Conduct an attack via SS7 network forging USSD request.

USSD manipulation

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

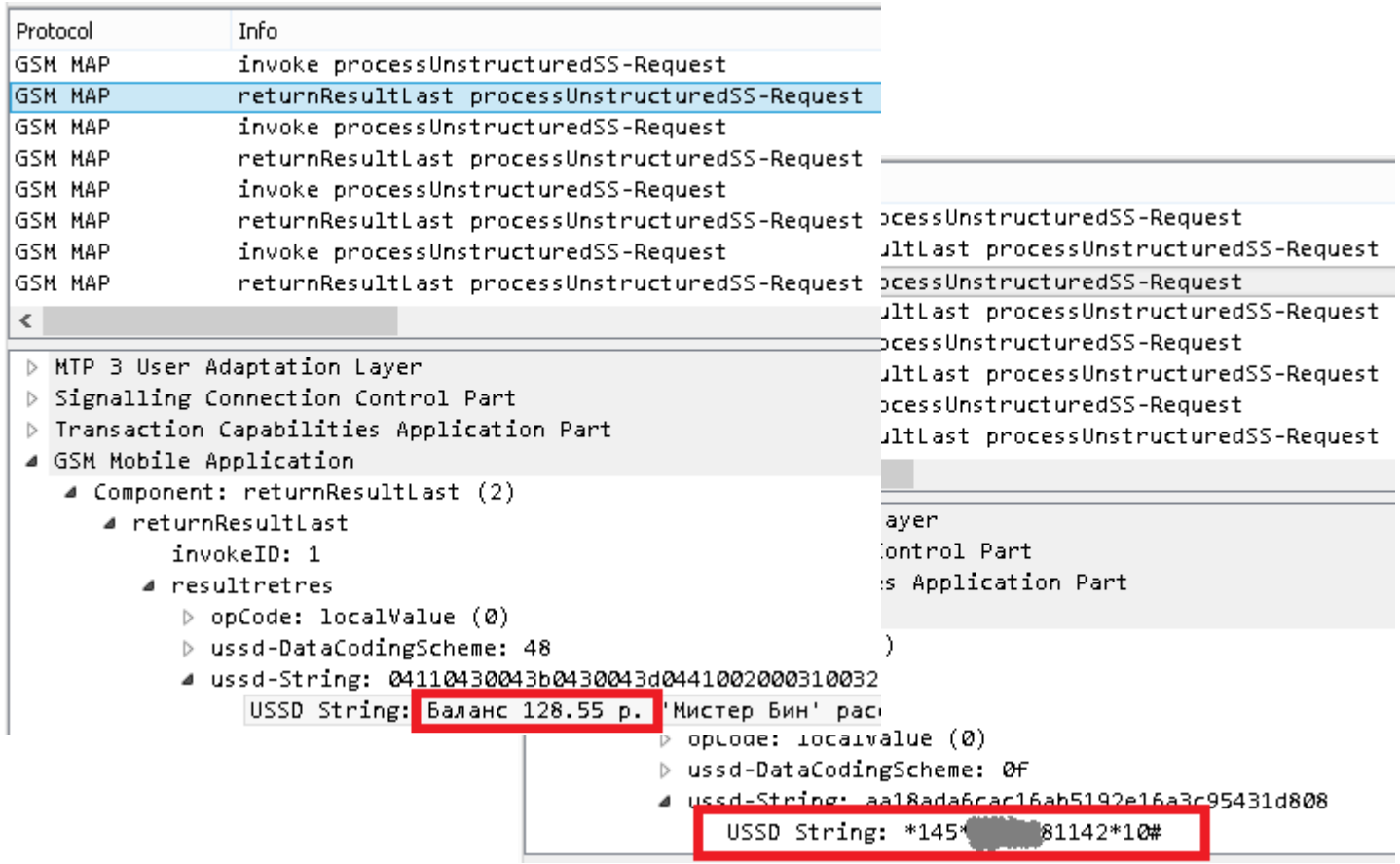
Request the balance *100#. Balance is 128.55 Roubles



USSD manipulation

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

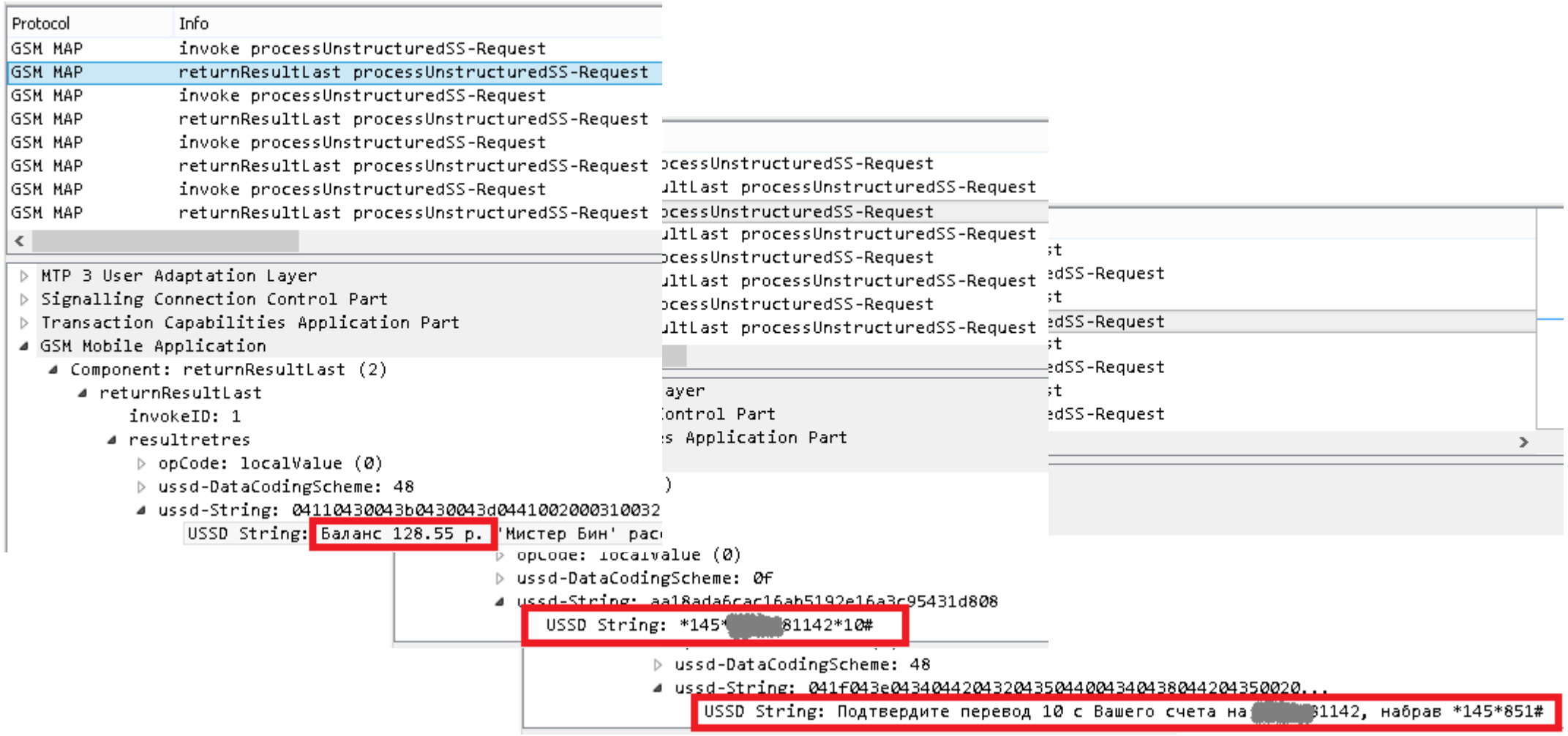
*145*xxxxxx81142*10# - Transfer 10 Roubles to the number xxxxxx81142



USSD manipulation

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Cool security mechanism. Just send *145*851# to confirm the transaction



USSD manipulation

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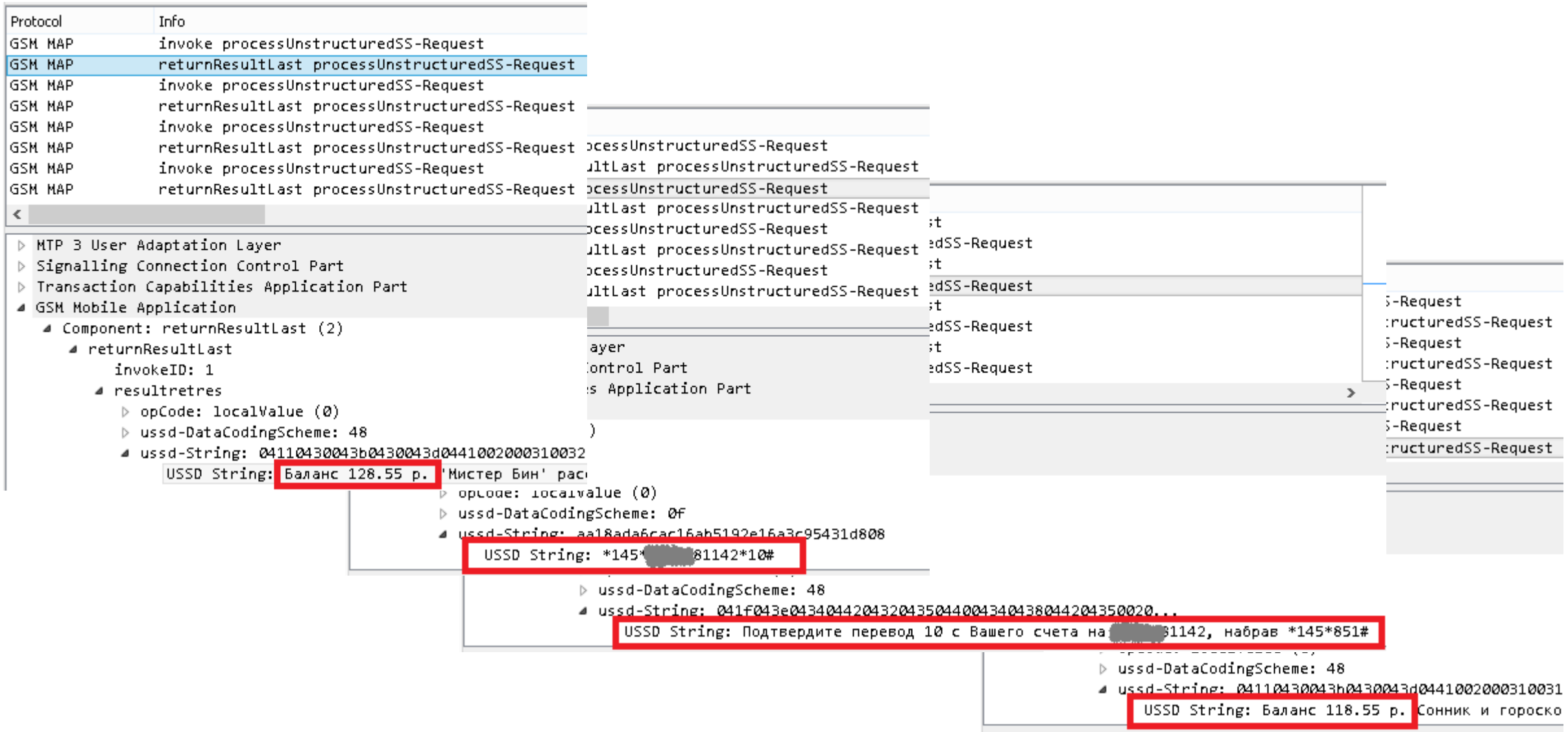
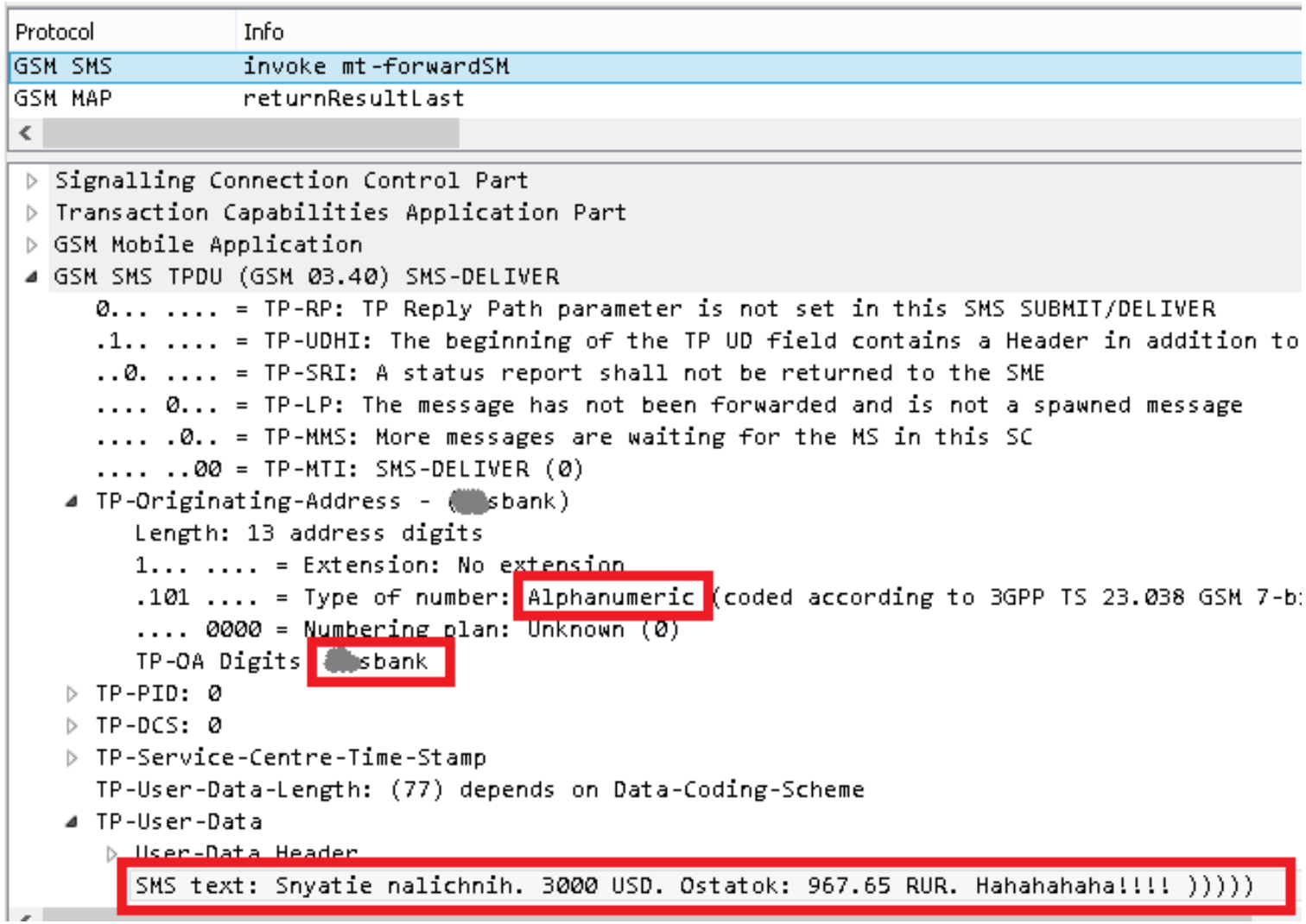
New balance is 118.55 Roubles. (10 Roubles ~ 0.15 €)



Calls or SMS on behalf particular person located anywhere

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- SMS spoofing



More sophisticated attacks

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

International Business Times

Technology | Social Media

Hackers can impersonate victims and reply to WhatsApp and Telegram chats

SC MAGAZINE
FOR IT SECURITY PROFESSIONALS

Rene Millman
May 13, 2016

SS7 vulnerability defeats WhatsApp encryption, researchers claim

theguardian

SS7 hack explained: what can you do about it?

Example

POSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Forbes / Security / #CyberSecurity

Hackers Can Steal Your Facebook Account With Just A Phone Number

Thomas Fox-Brewster, FORBES STAFF
I cover crime, privacy and security in digital and physical forms. FULL BIO

Person 1

Facebook - Log In or Sign | SendRoutingInfoForSM :: | UpdateLocation ::MPX SS7 | MPX SS7 Scanner

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Shark 1.10.6 (v1.10.6 from master-1.10)]

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Fraud case 1

Voice call redirection with a fraudulent activity

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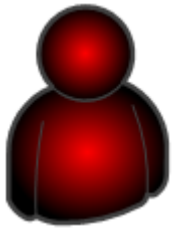

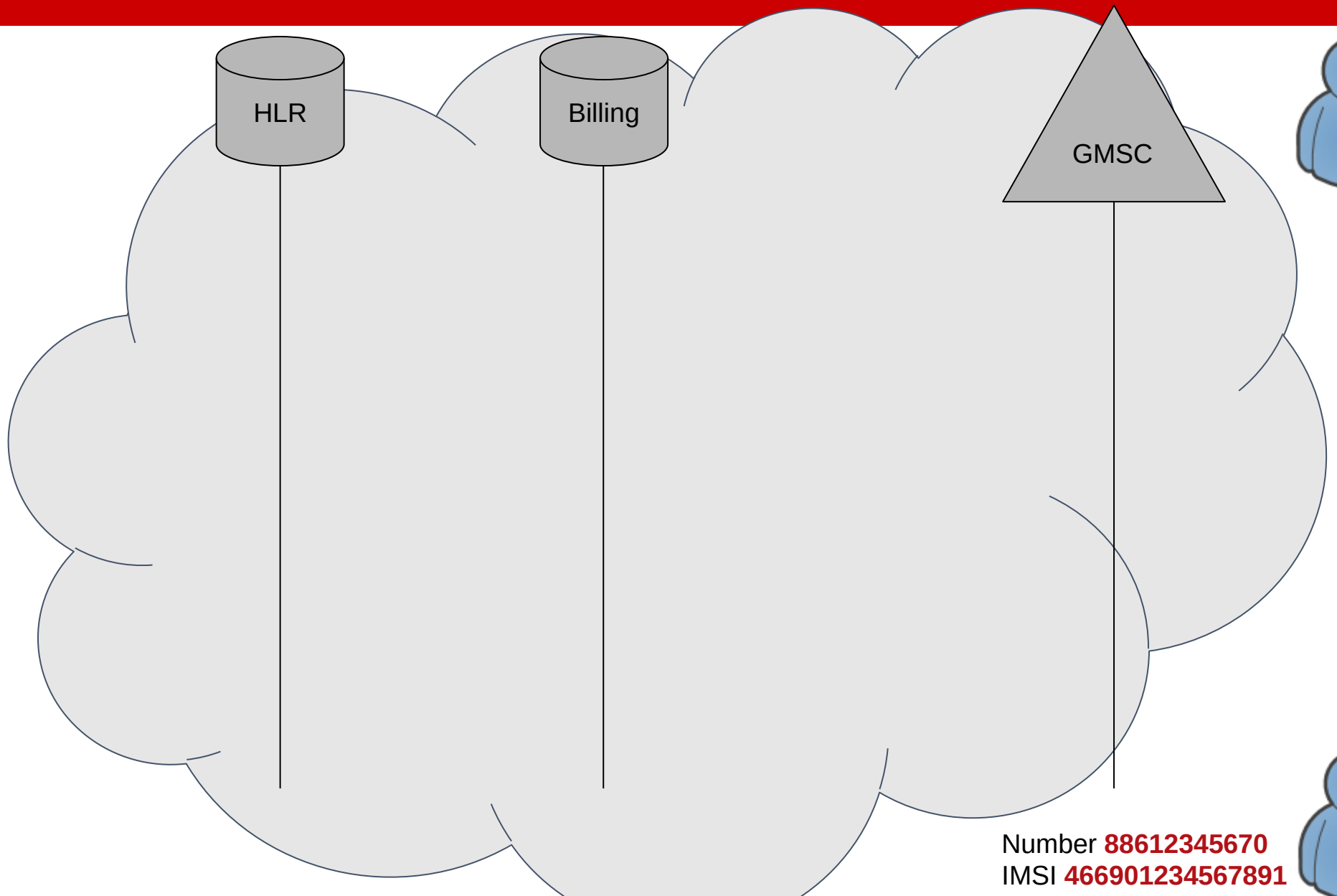

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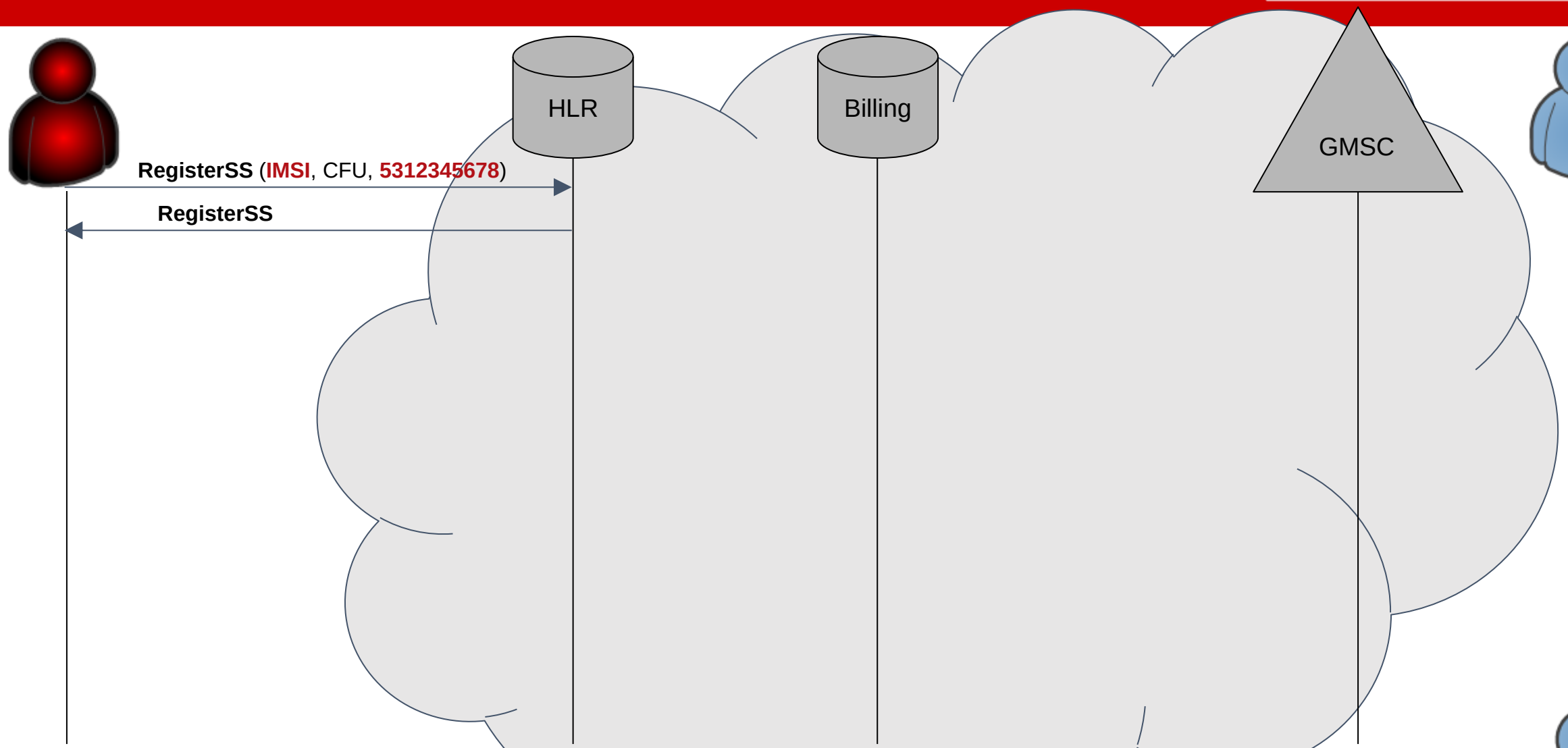

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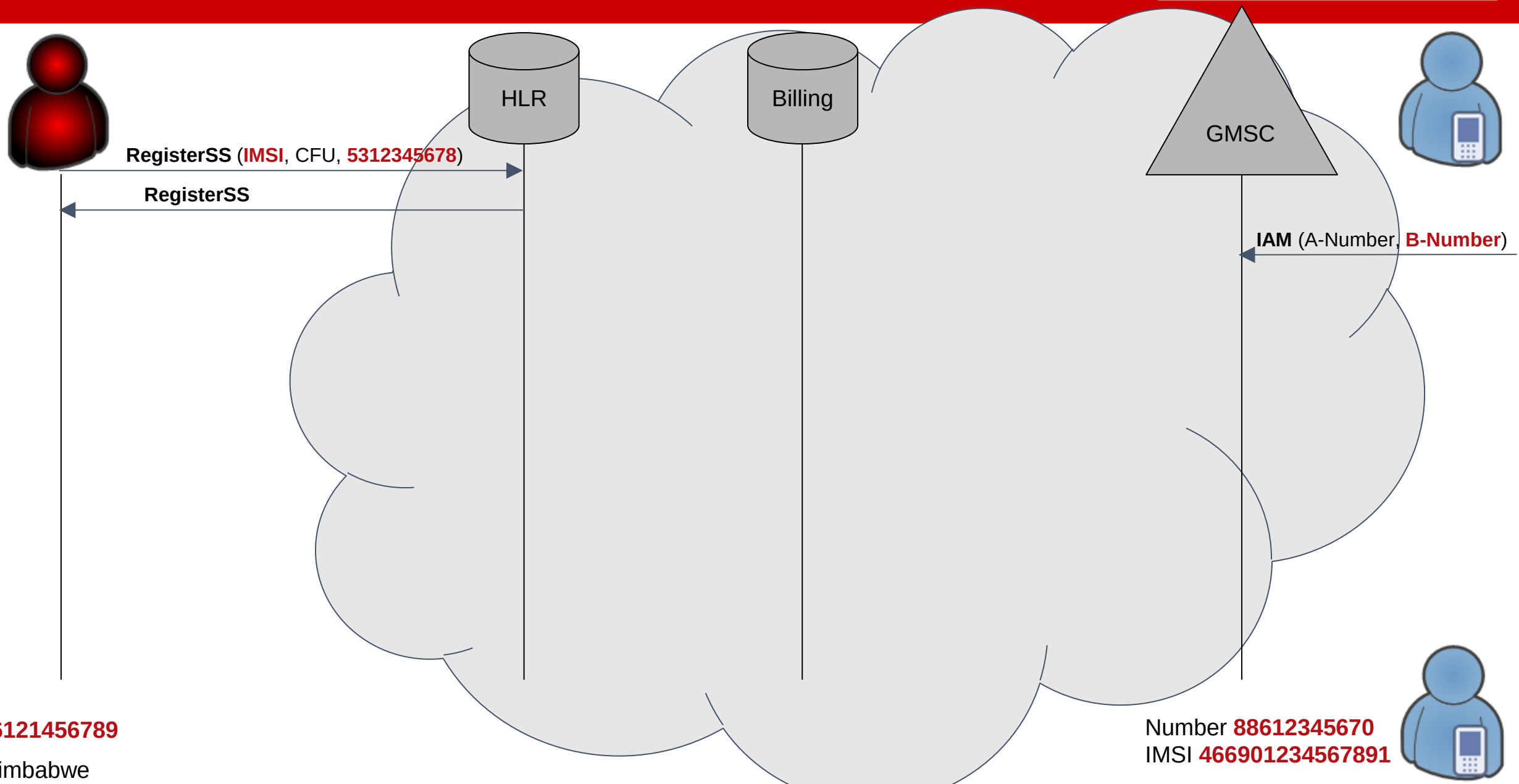

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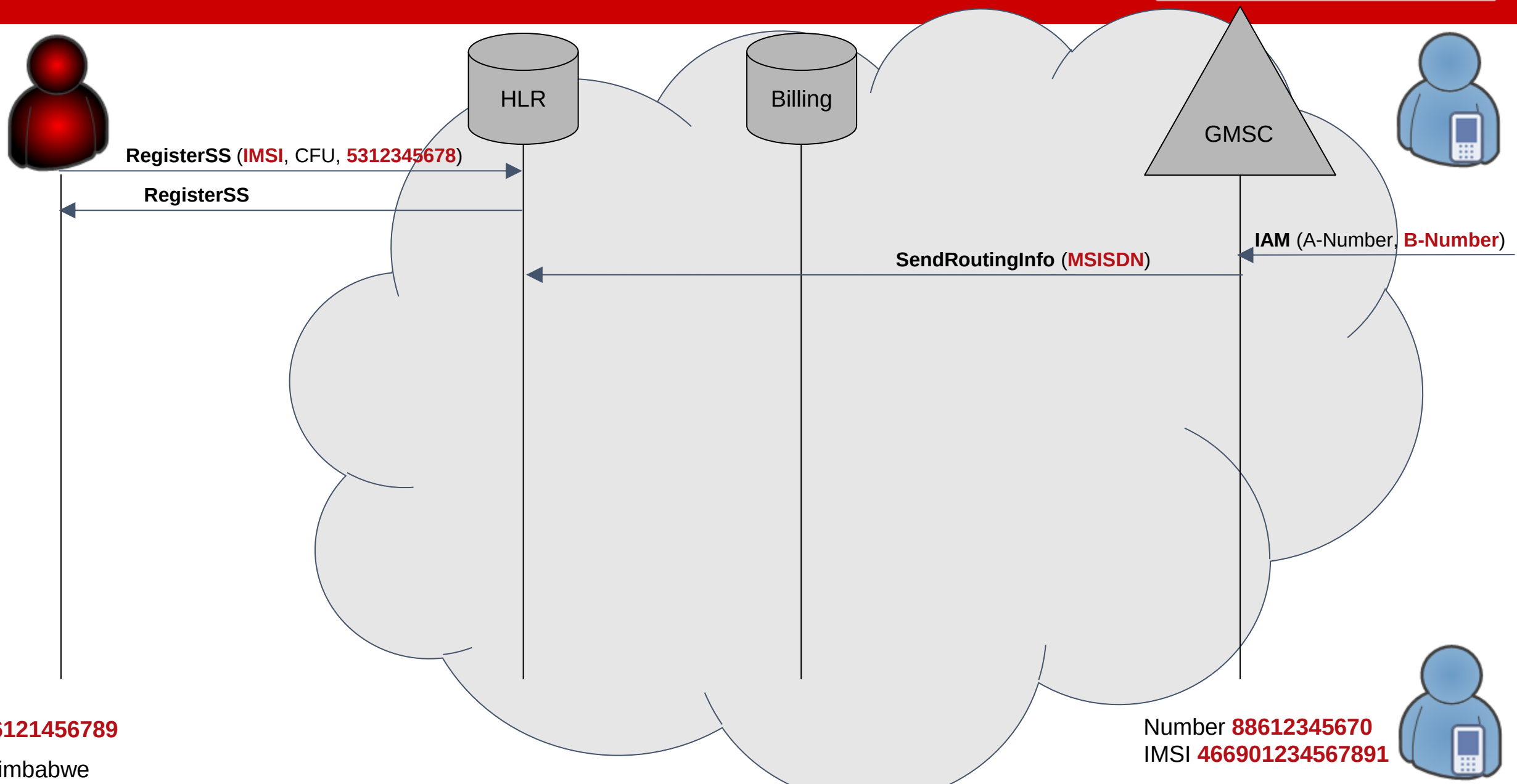

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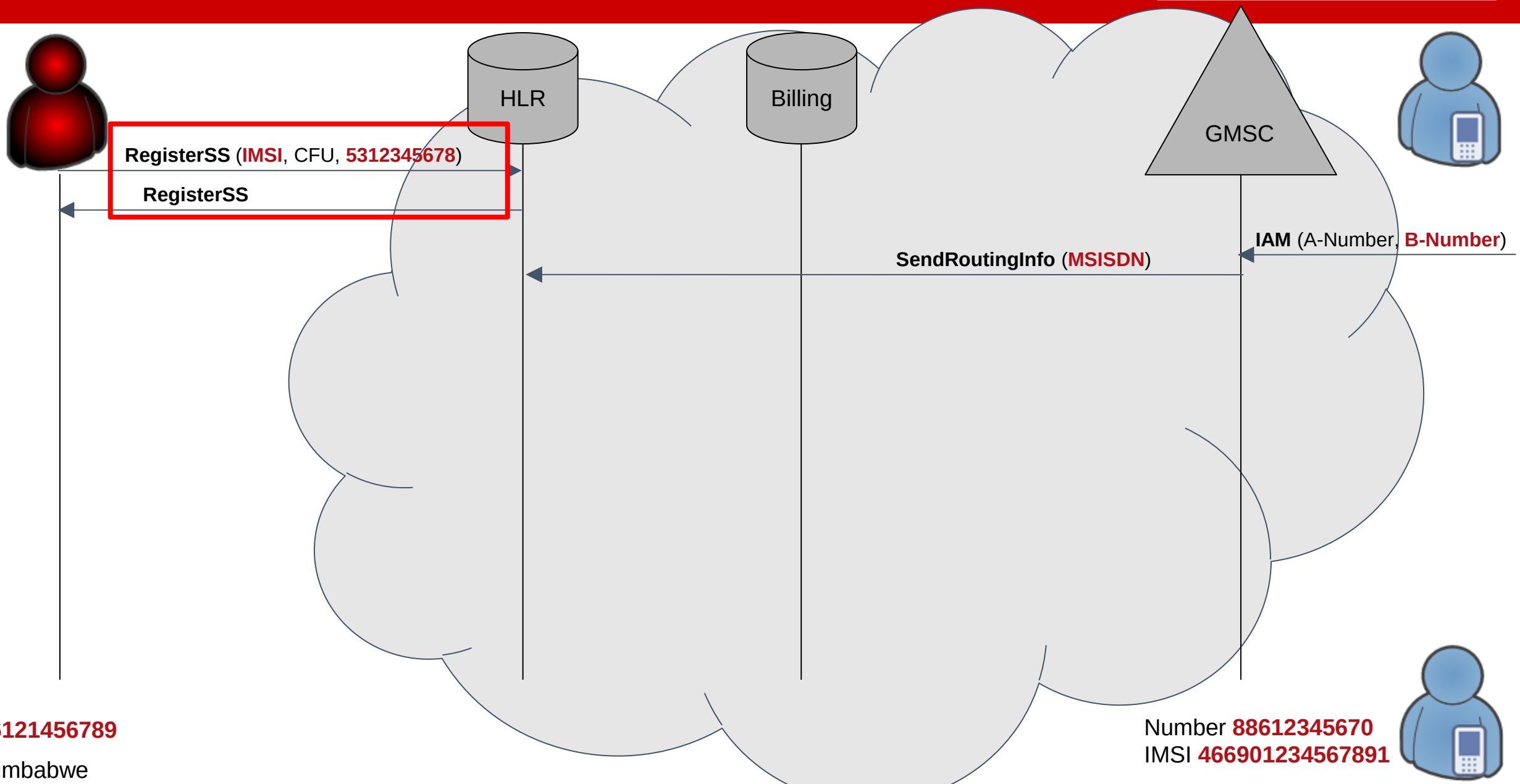

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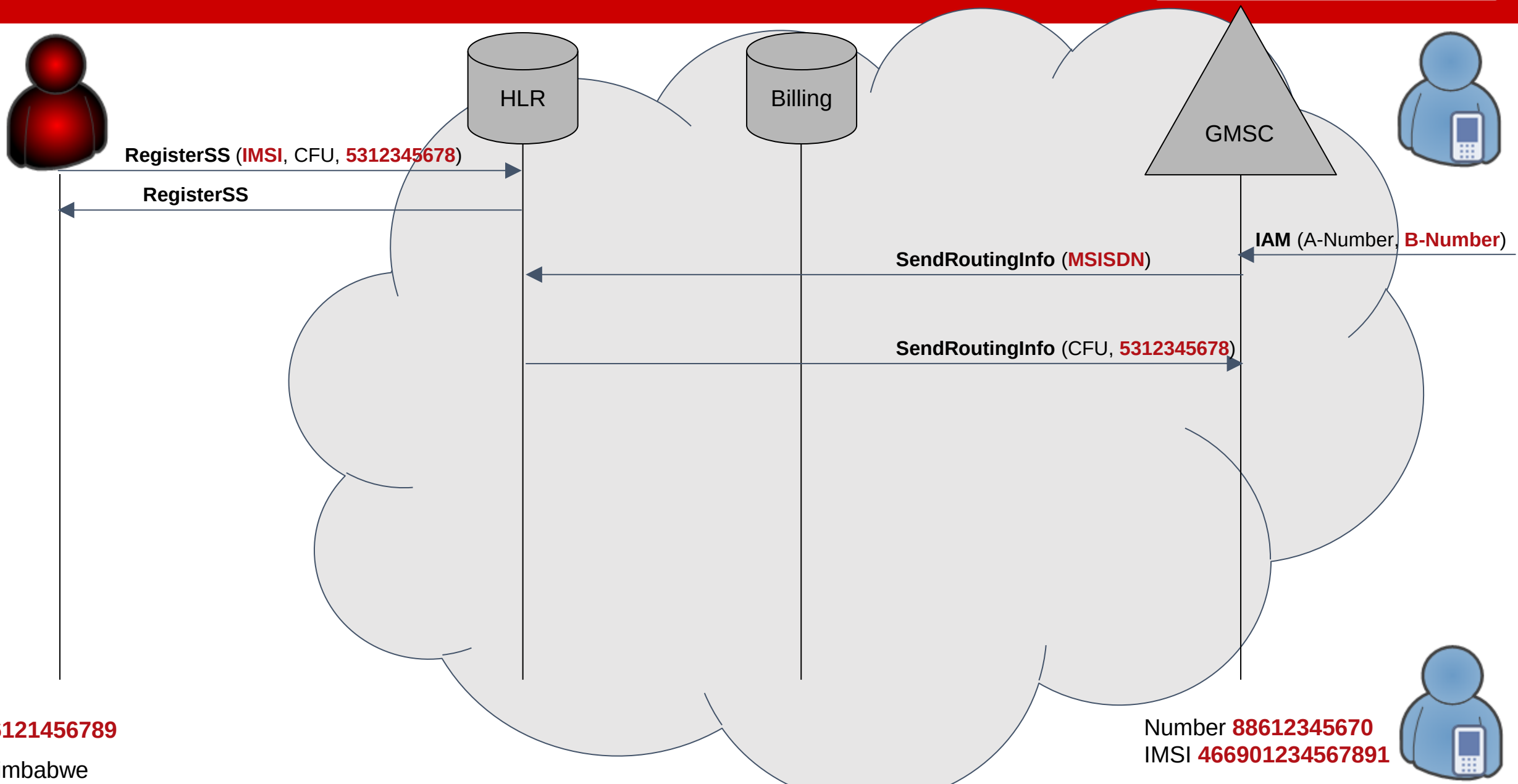

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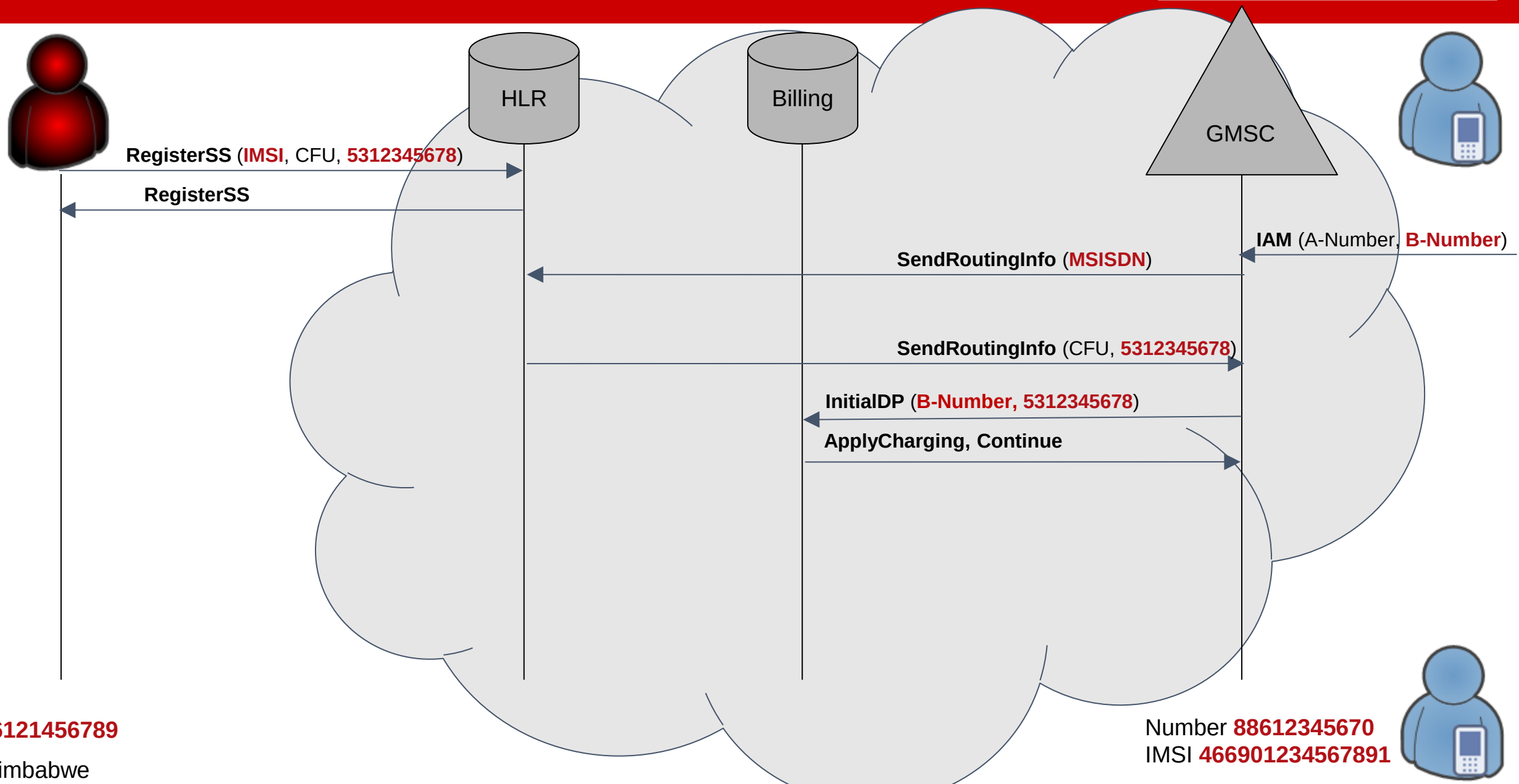

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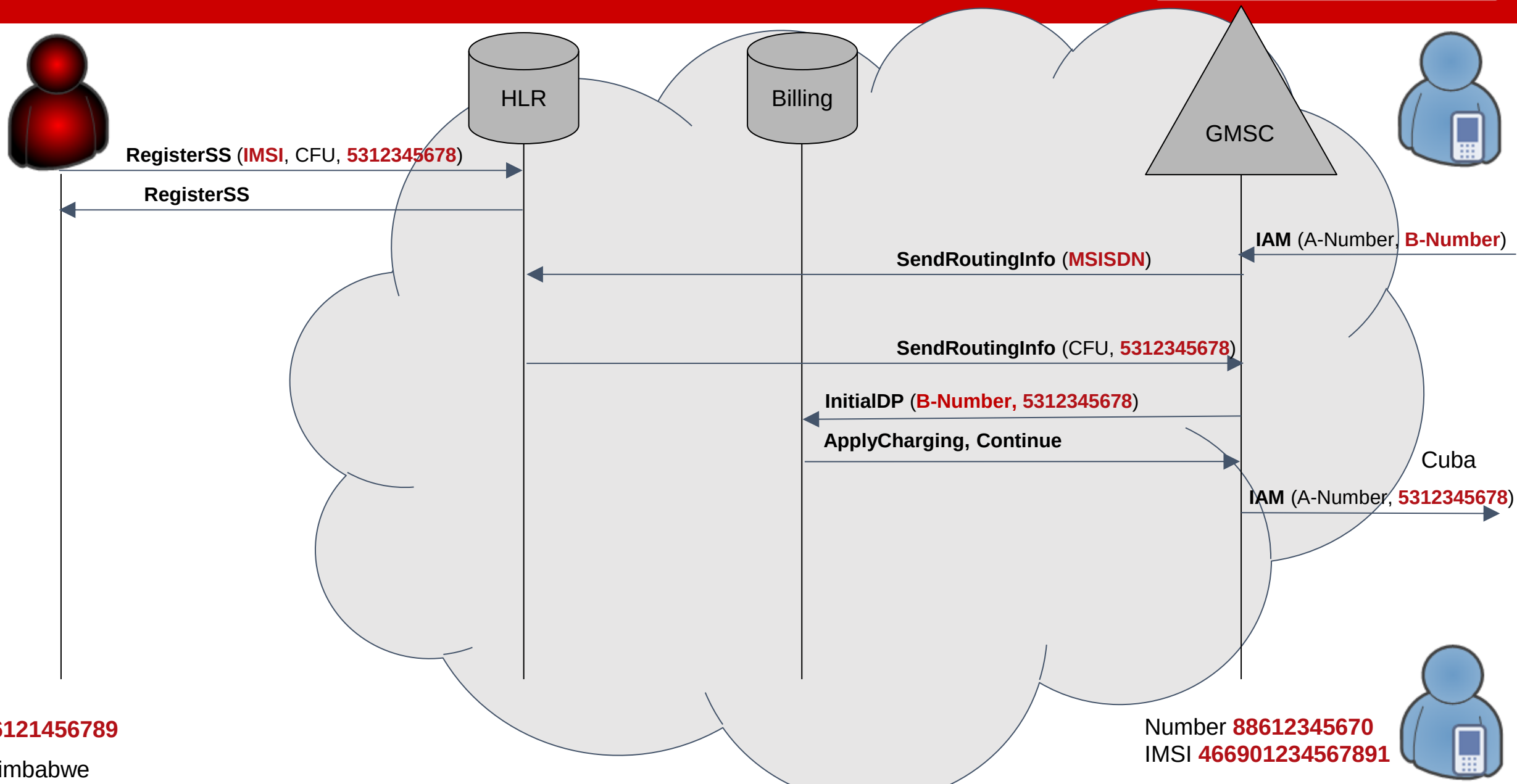

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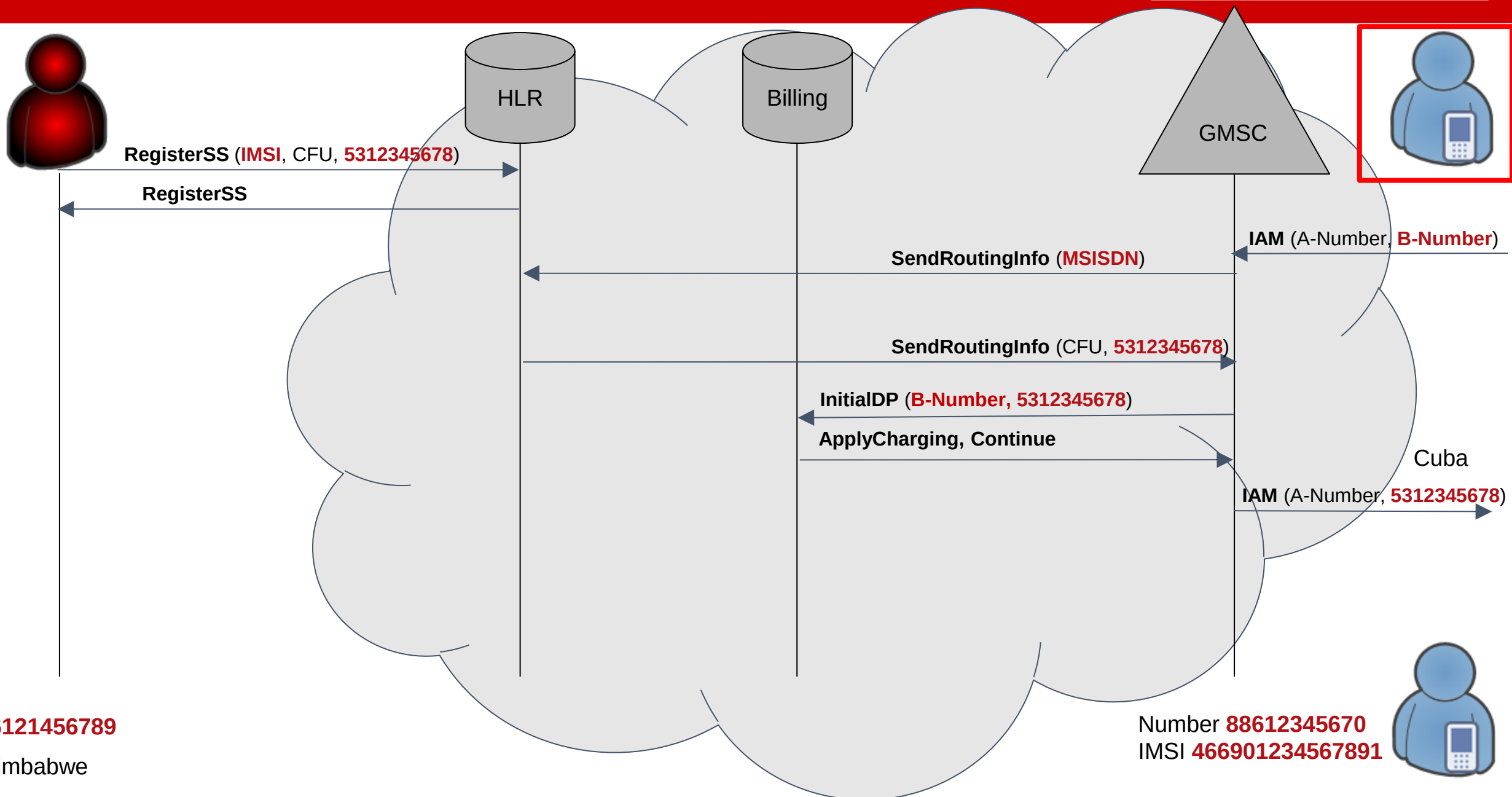

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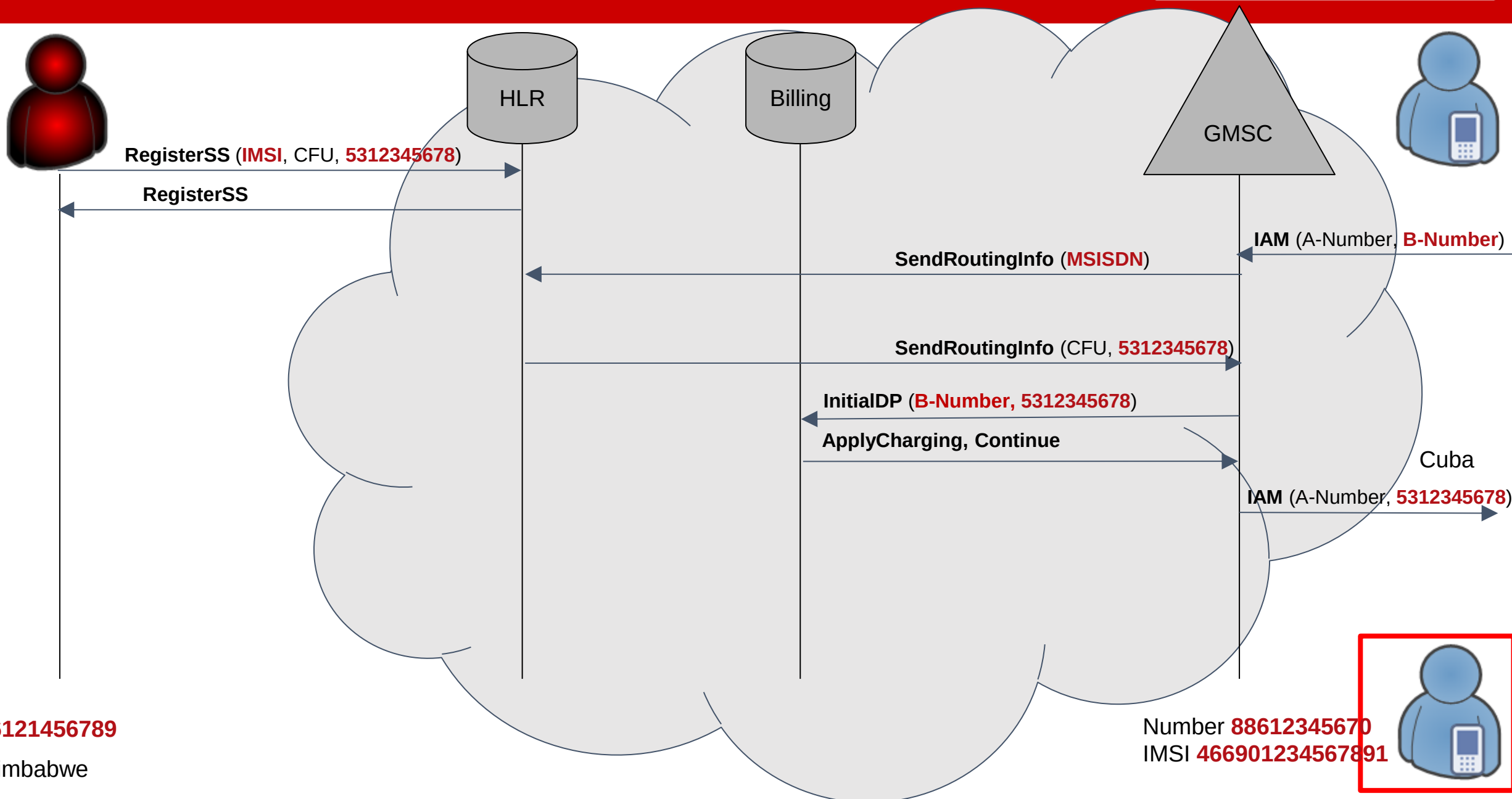

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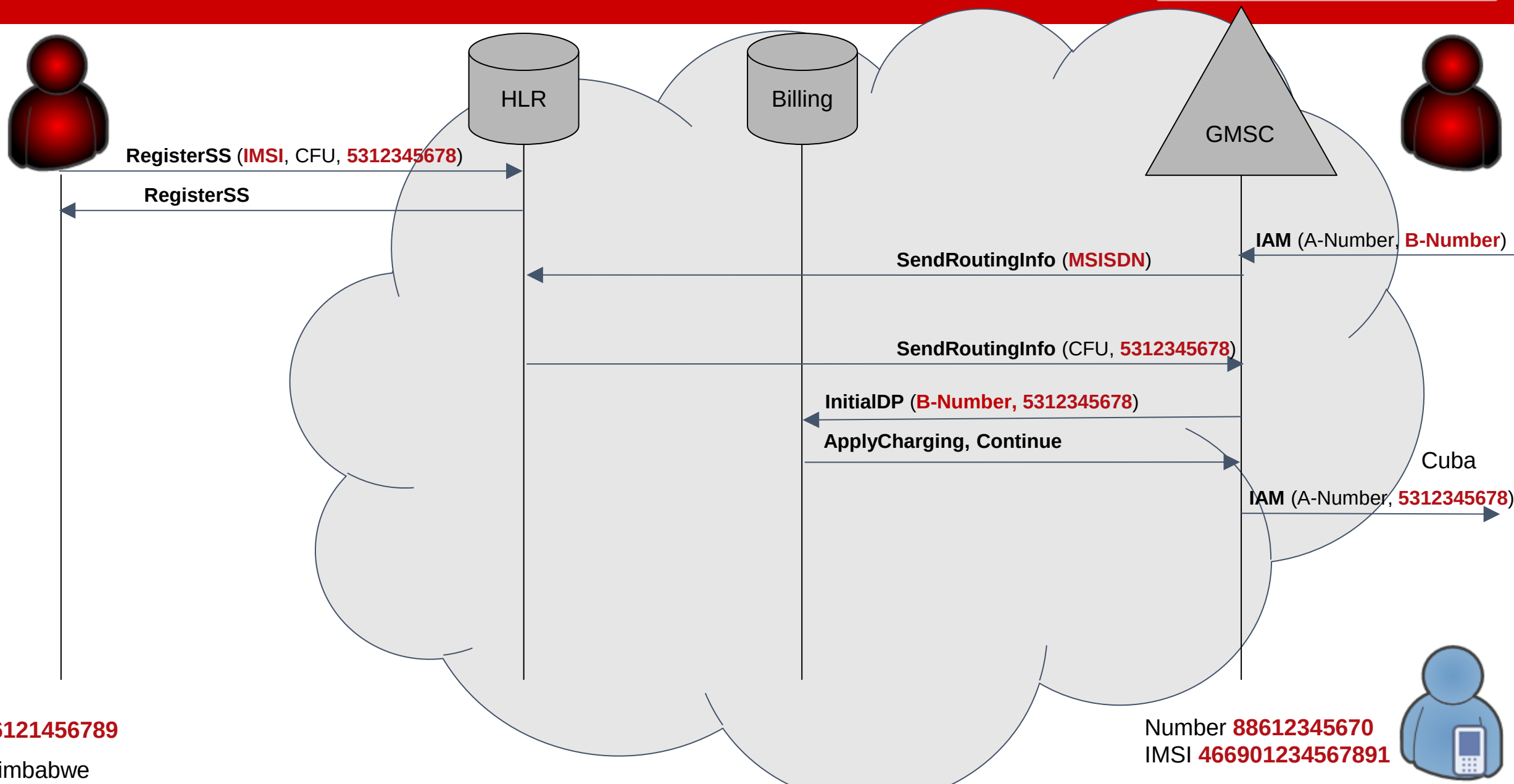

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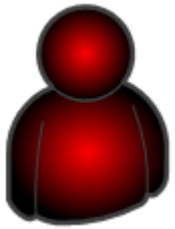

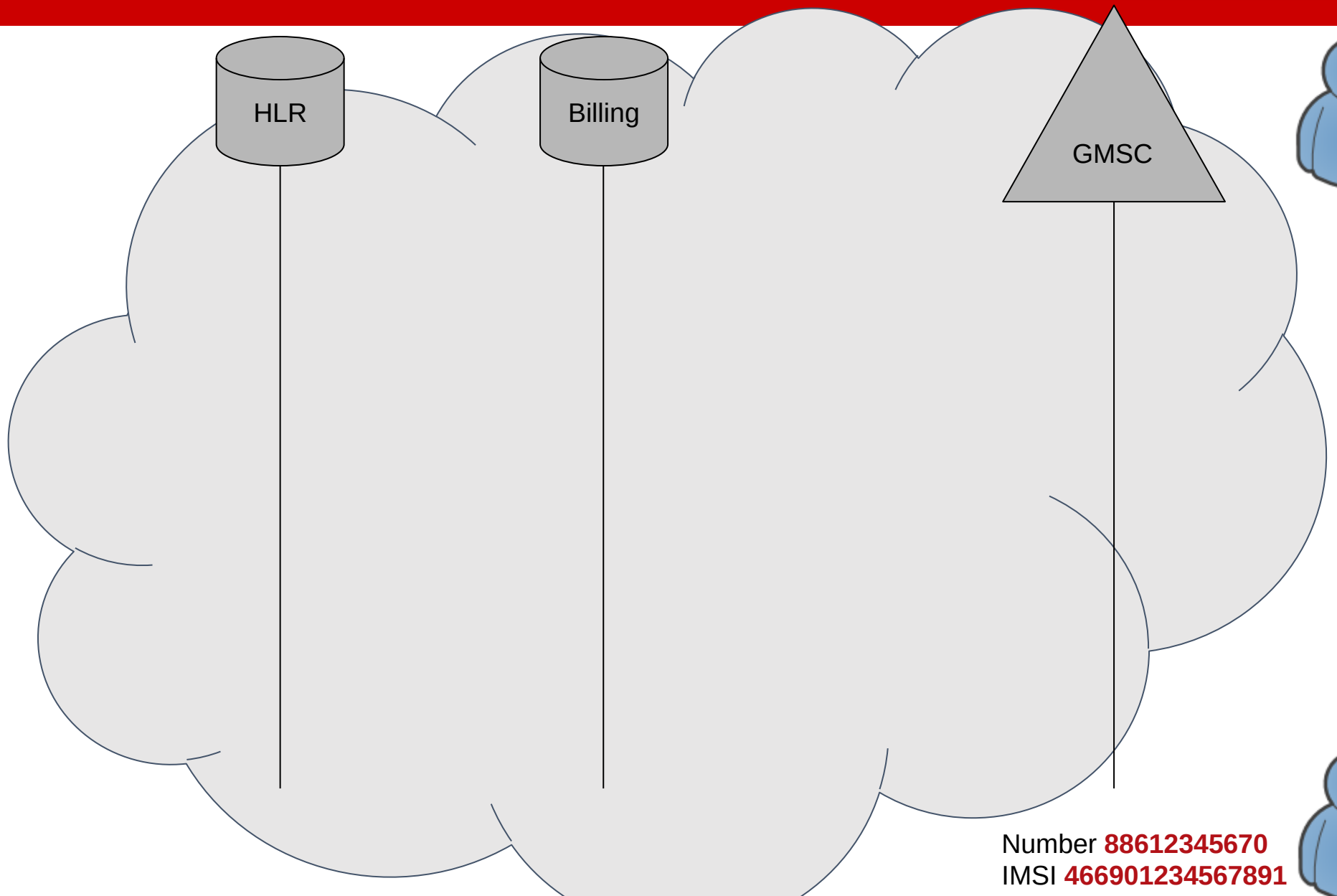

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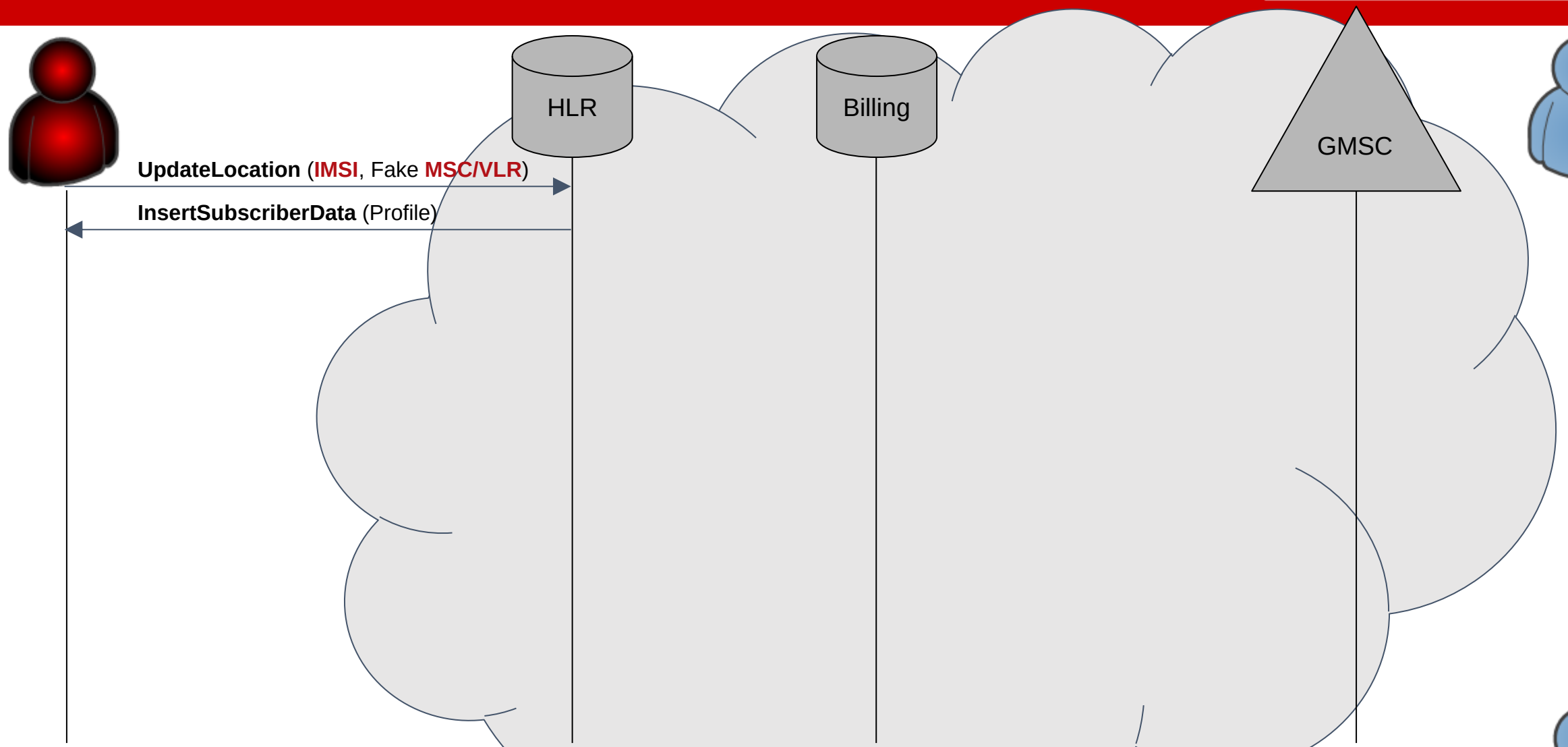

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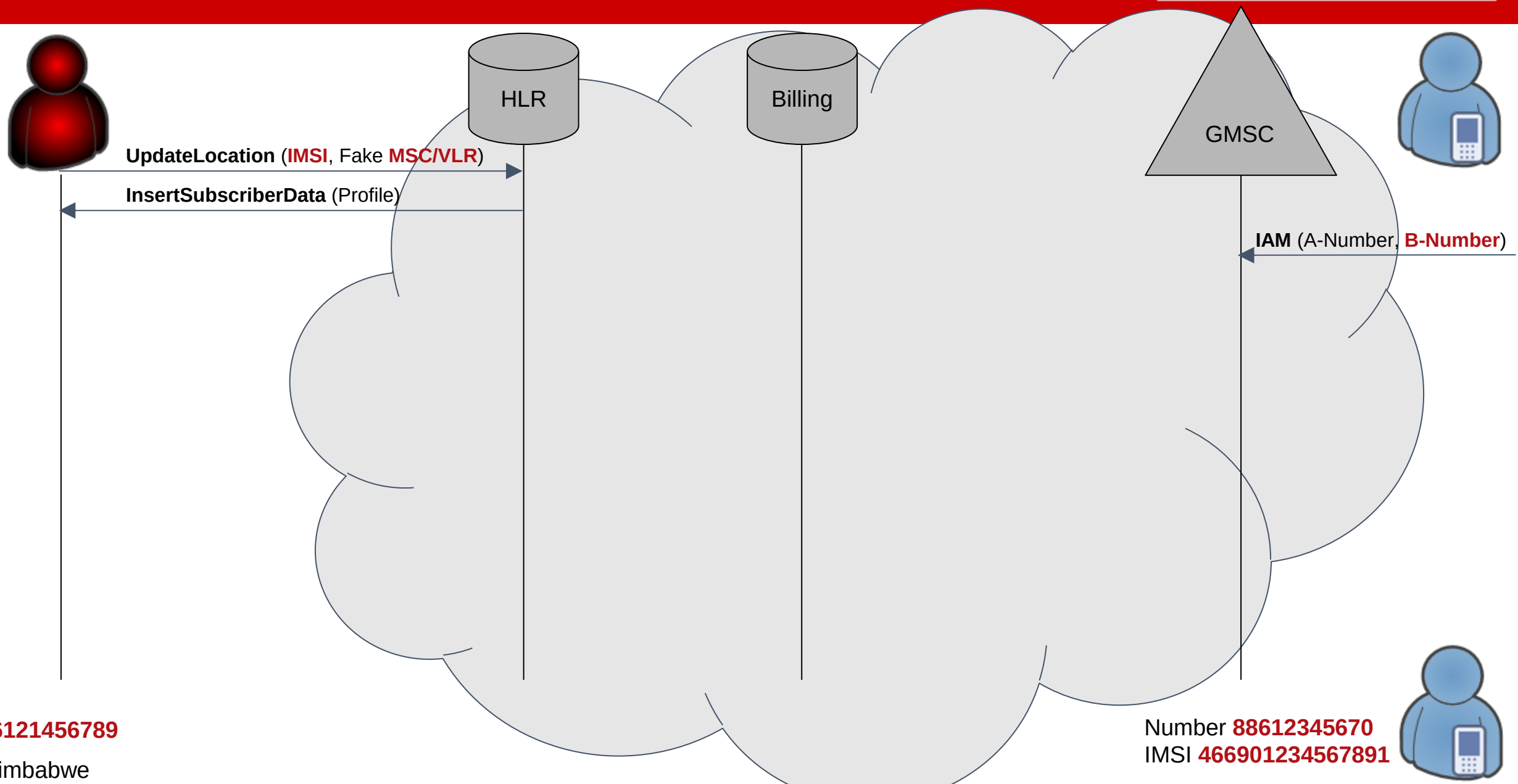

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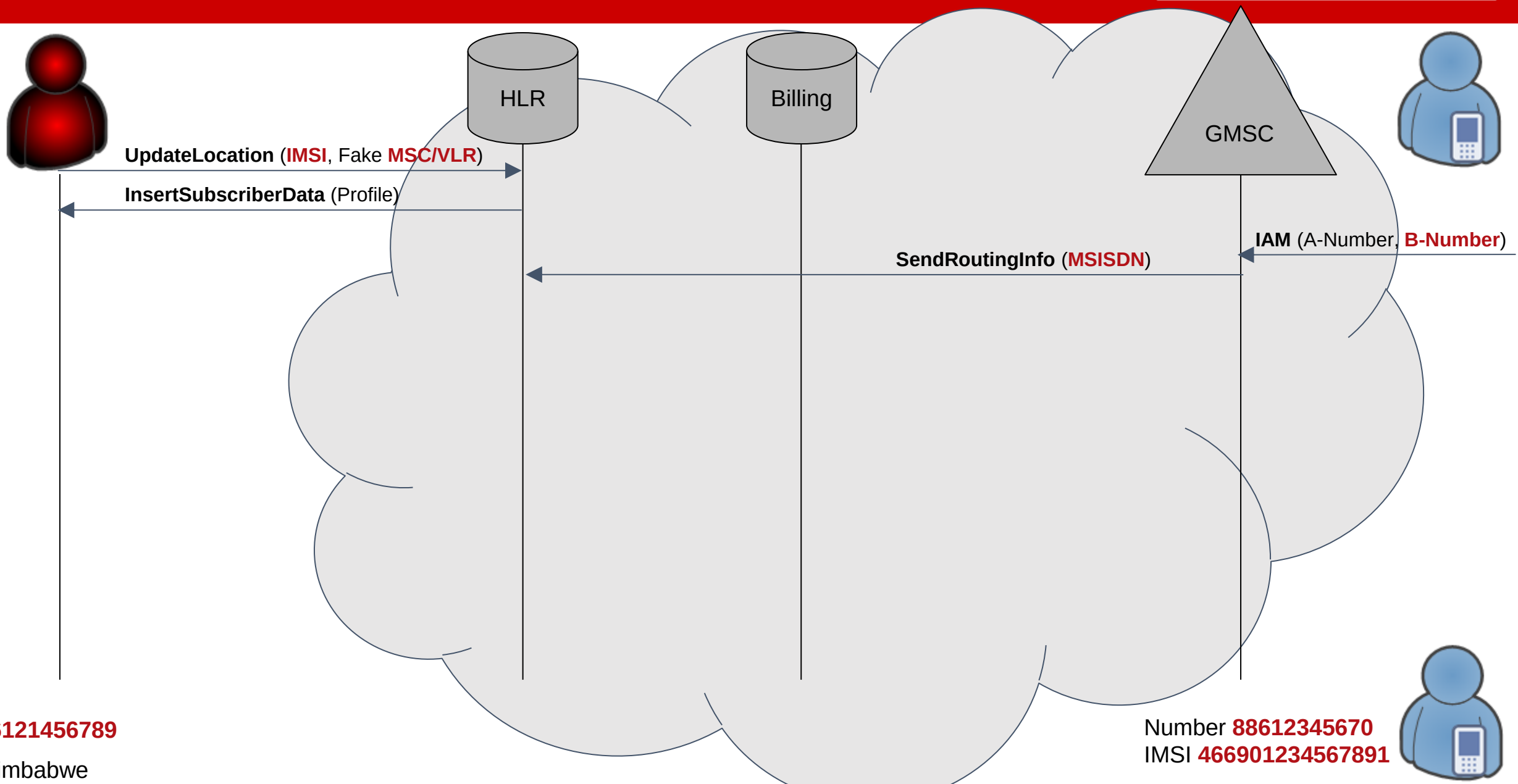

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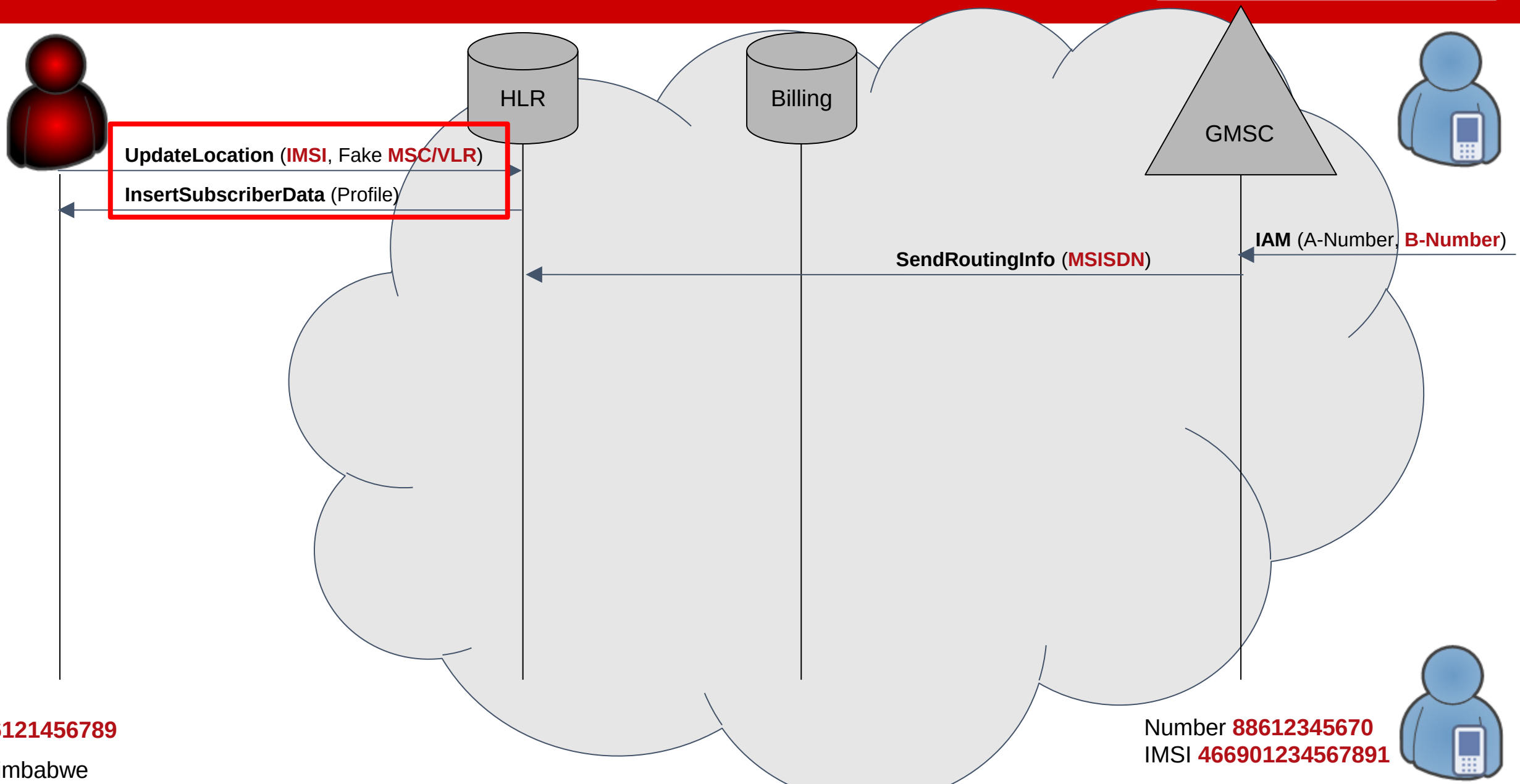

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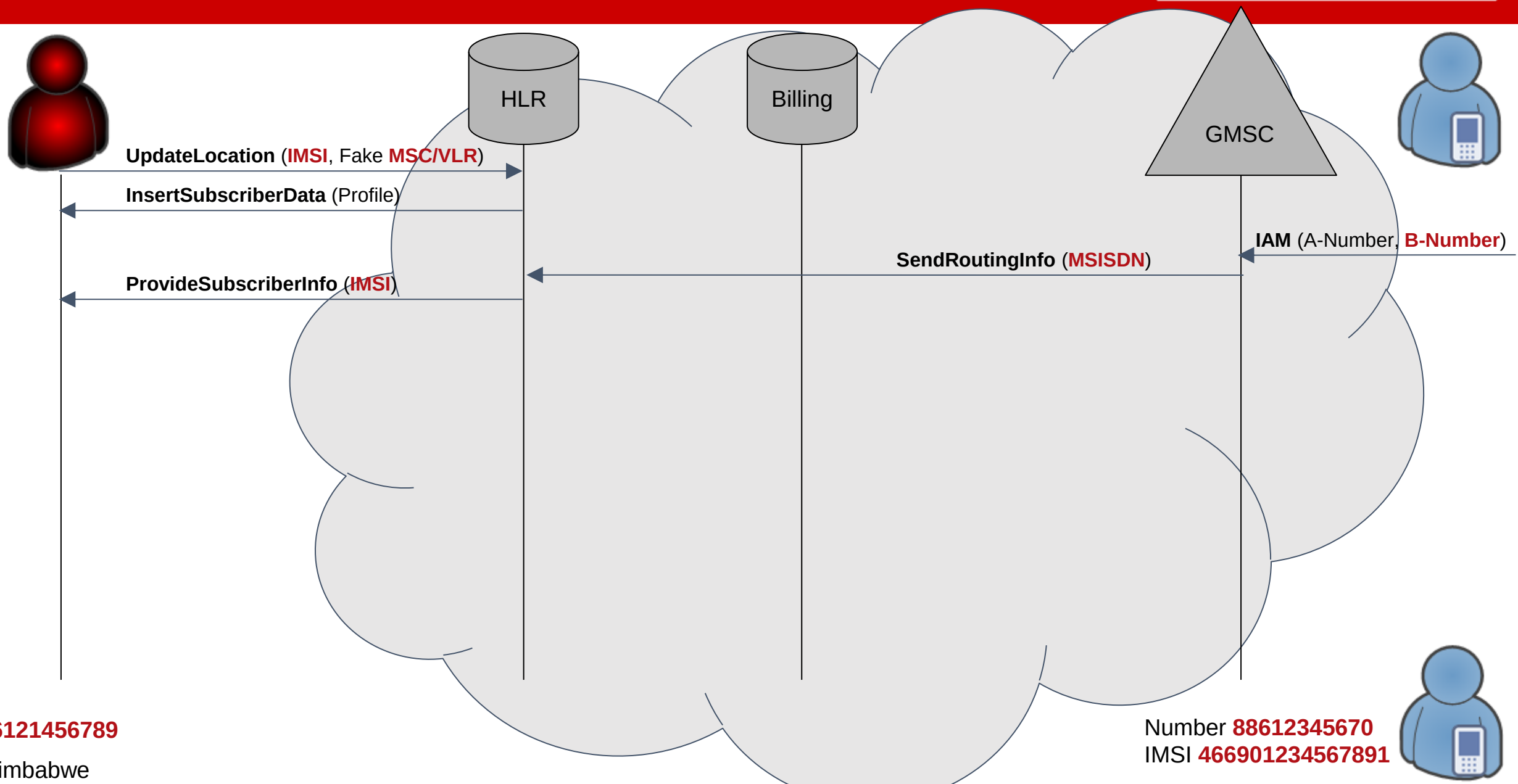

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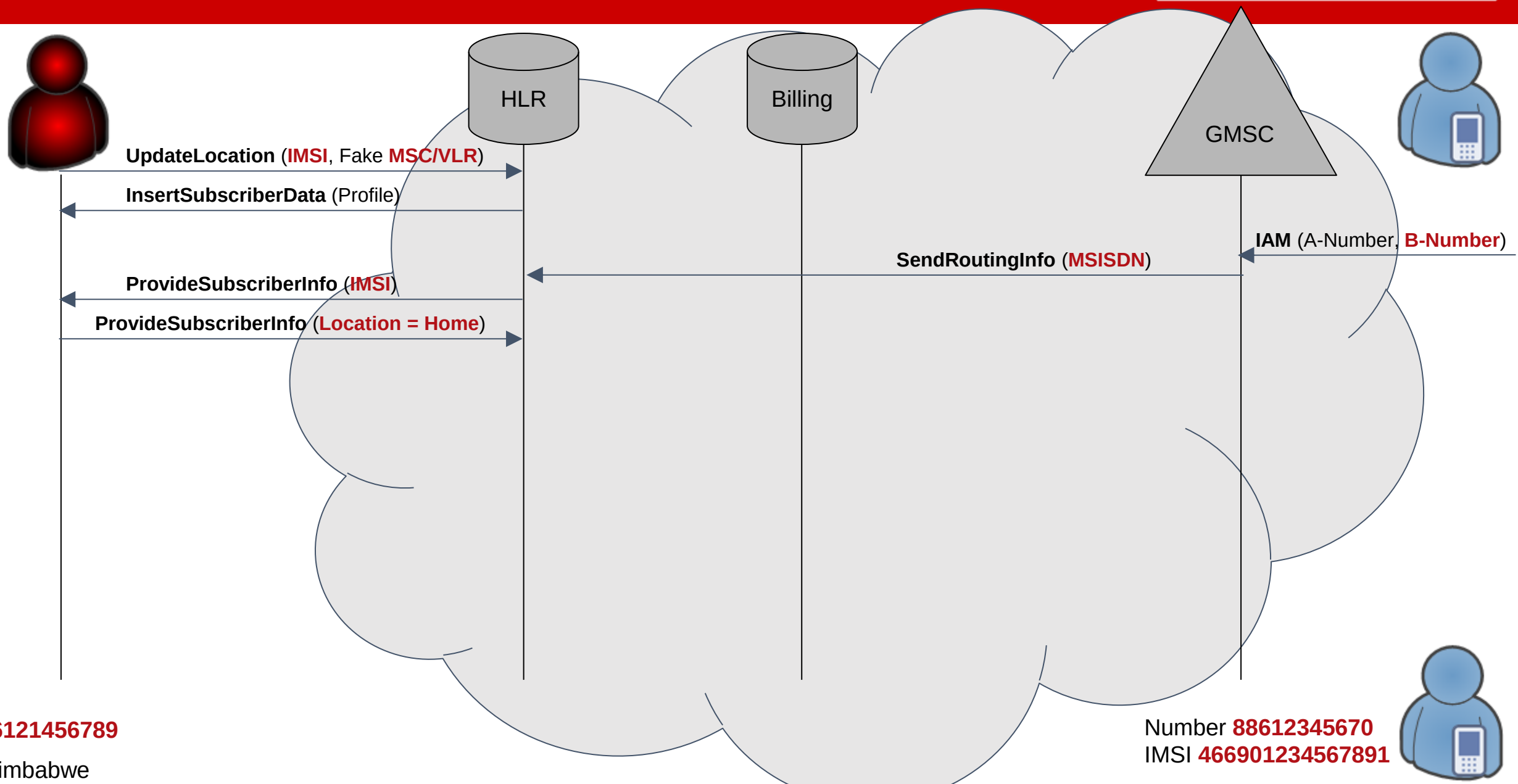

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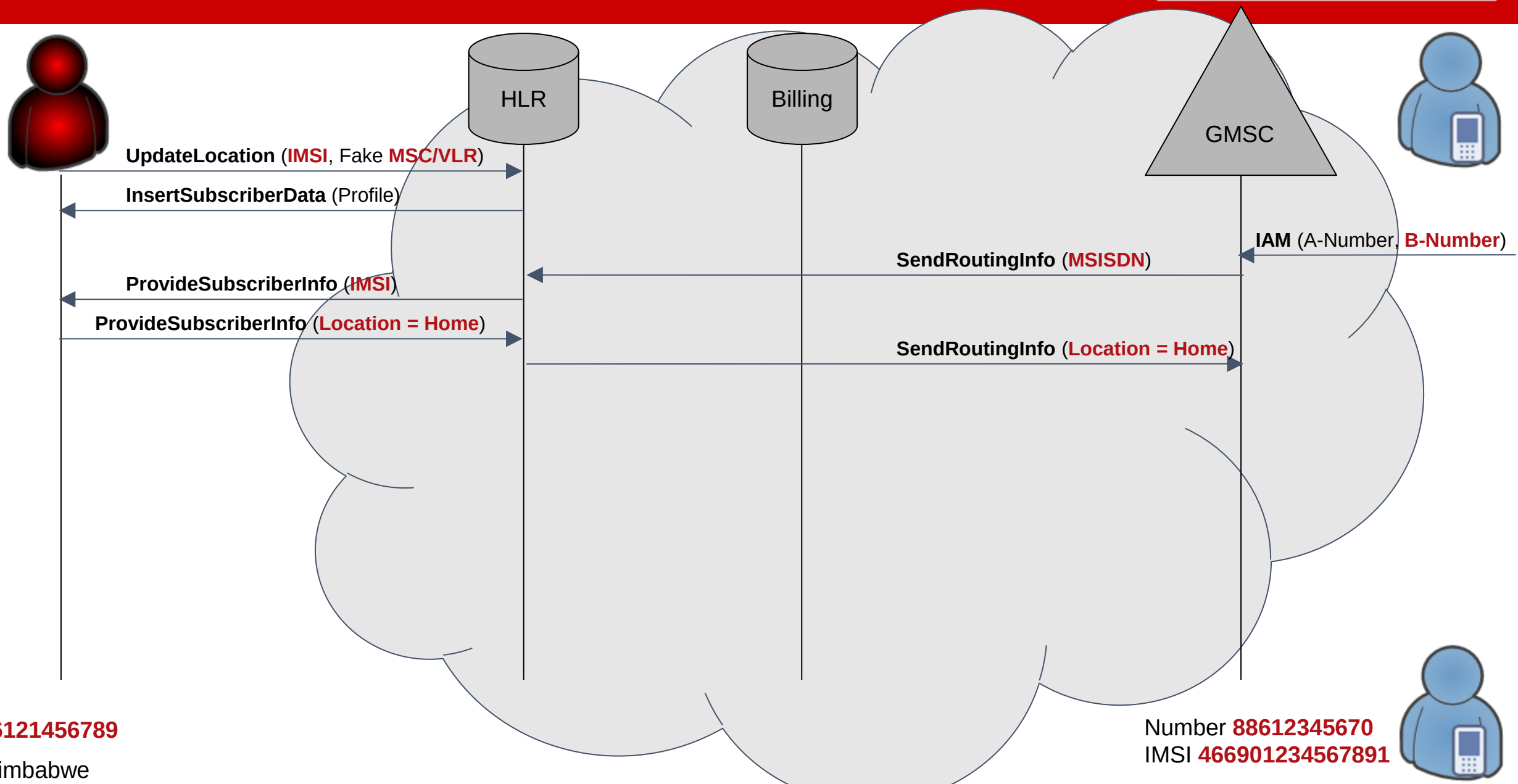

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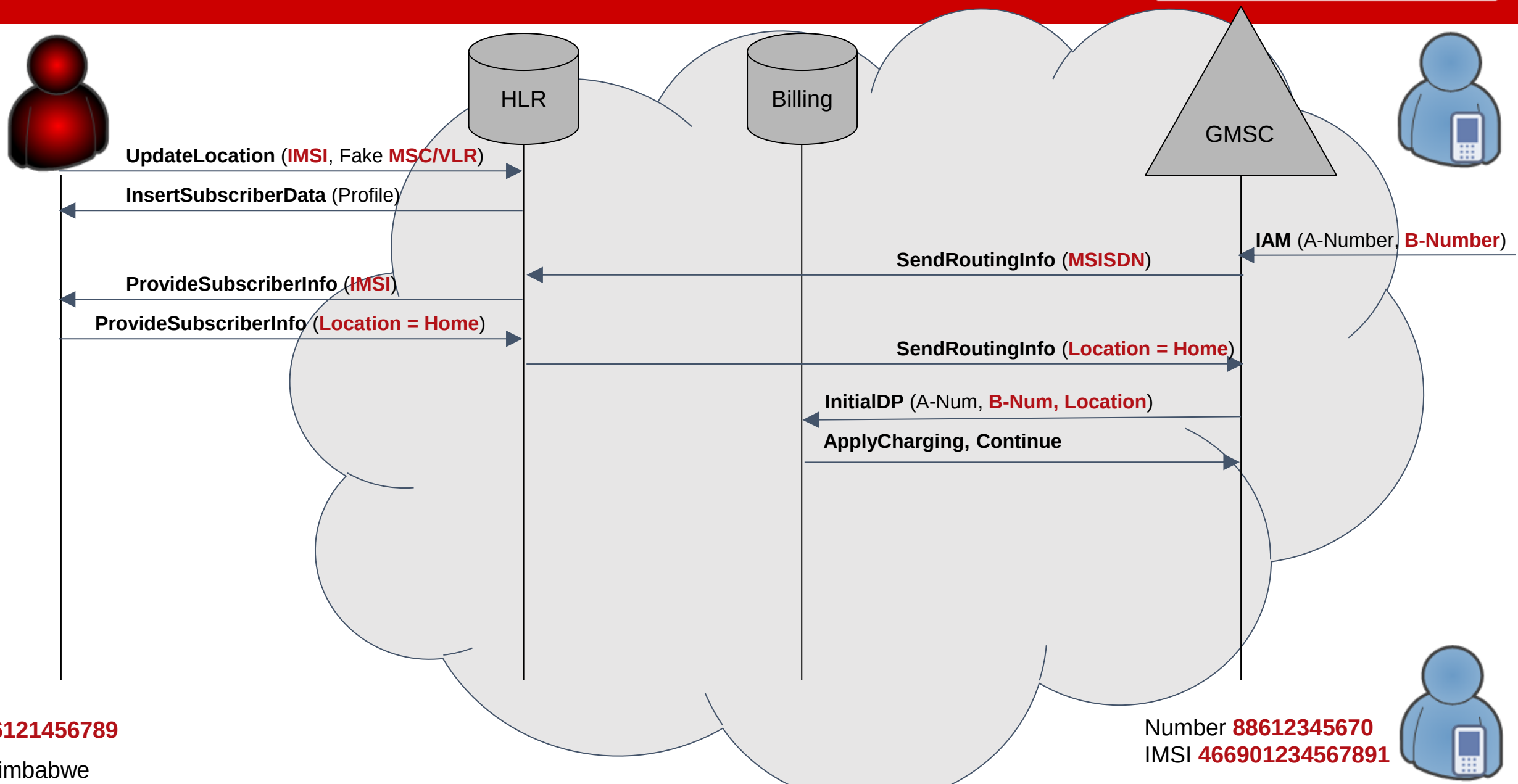

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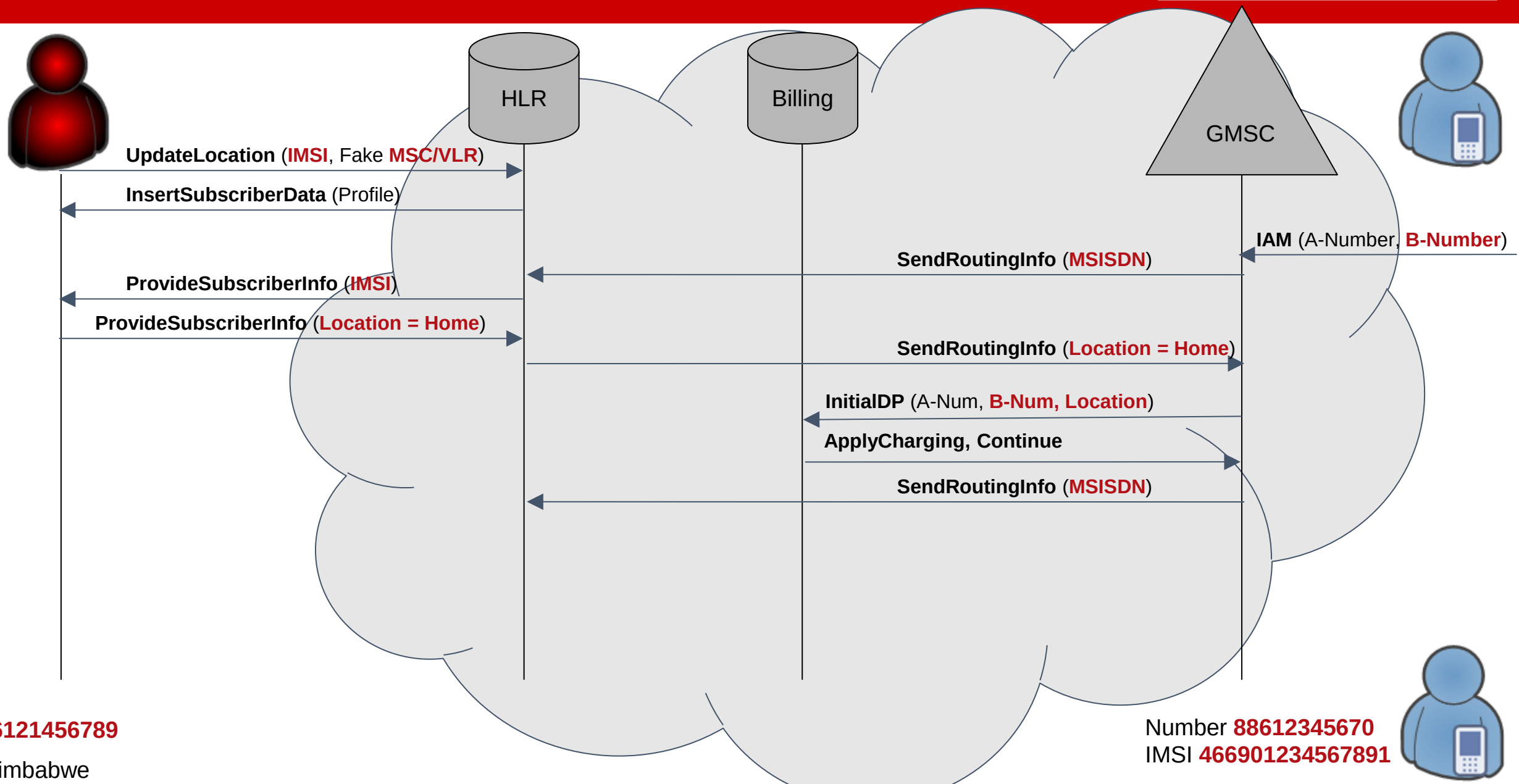

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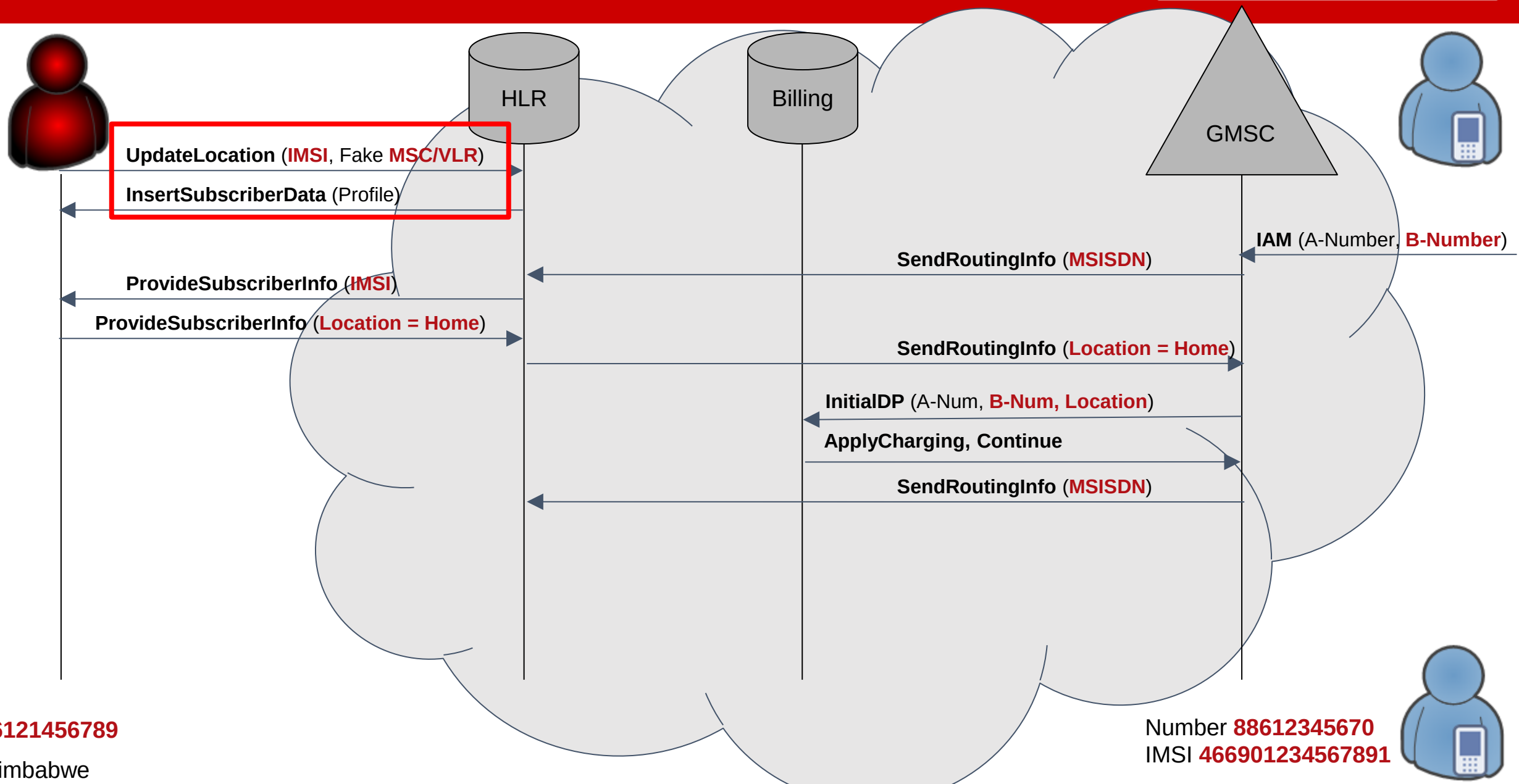

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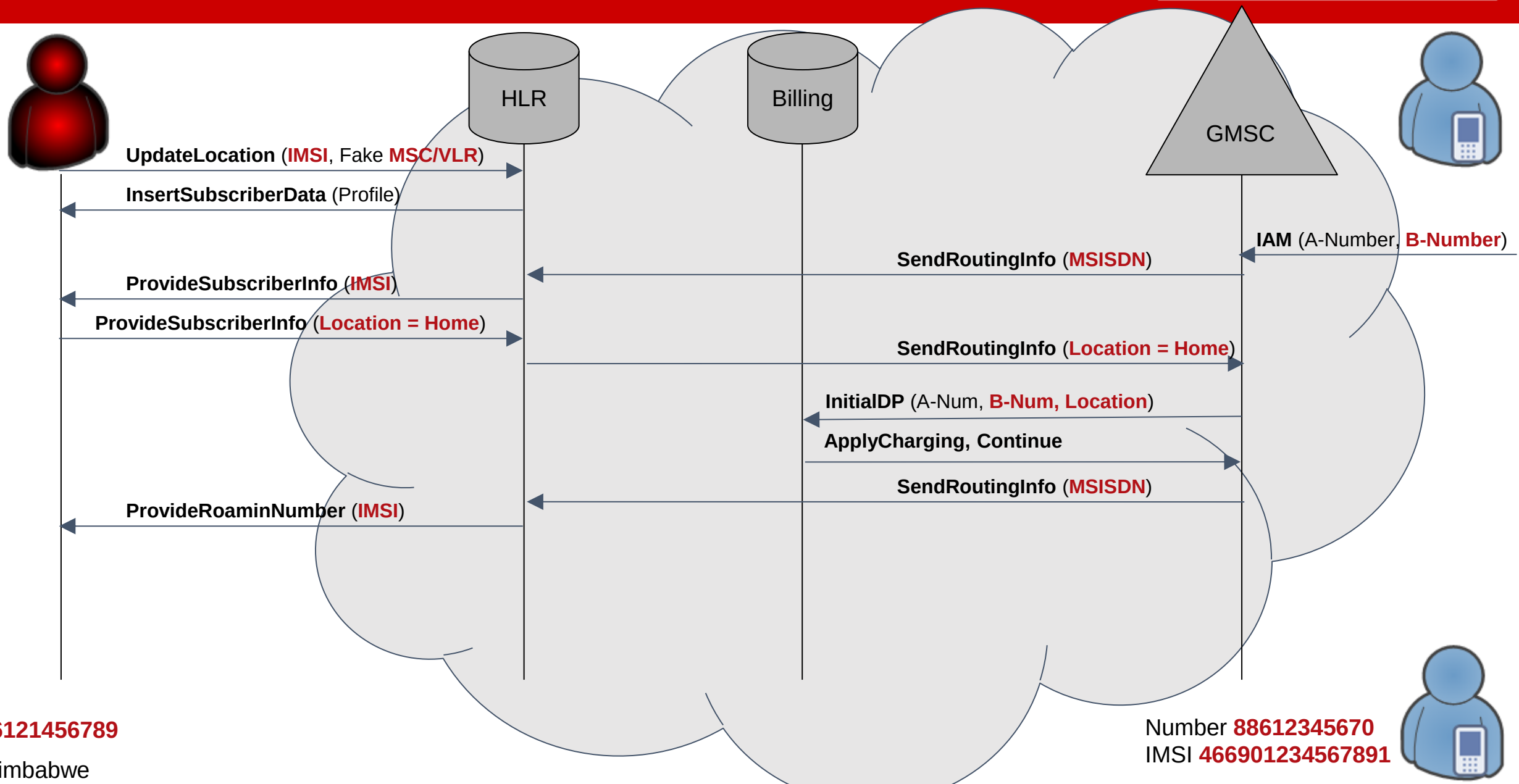

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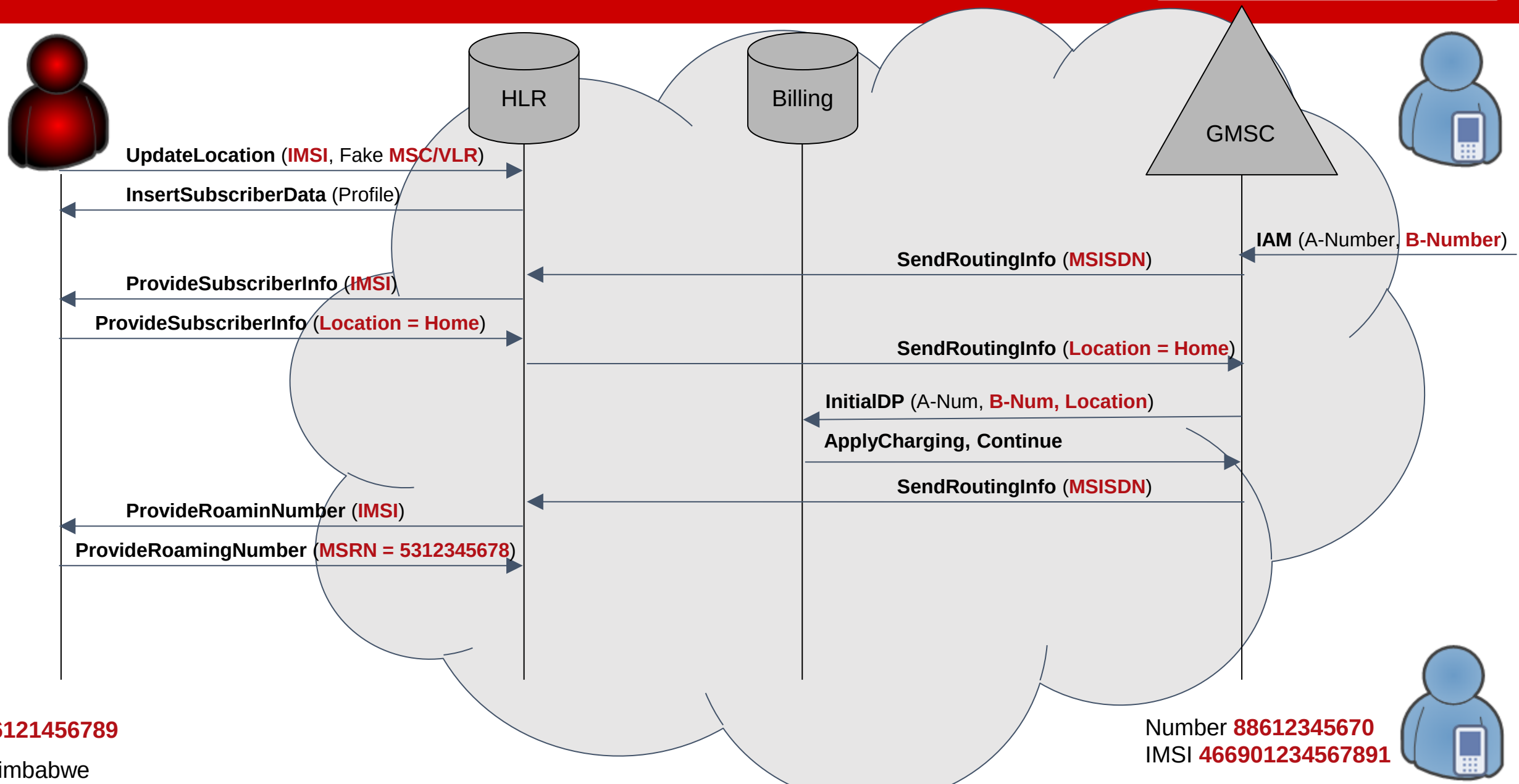

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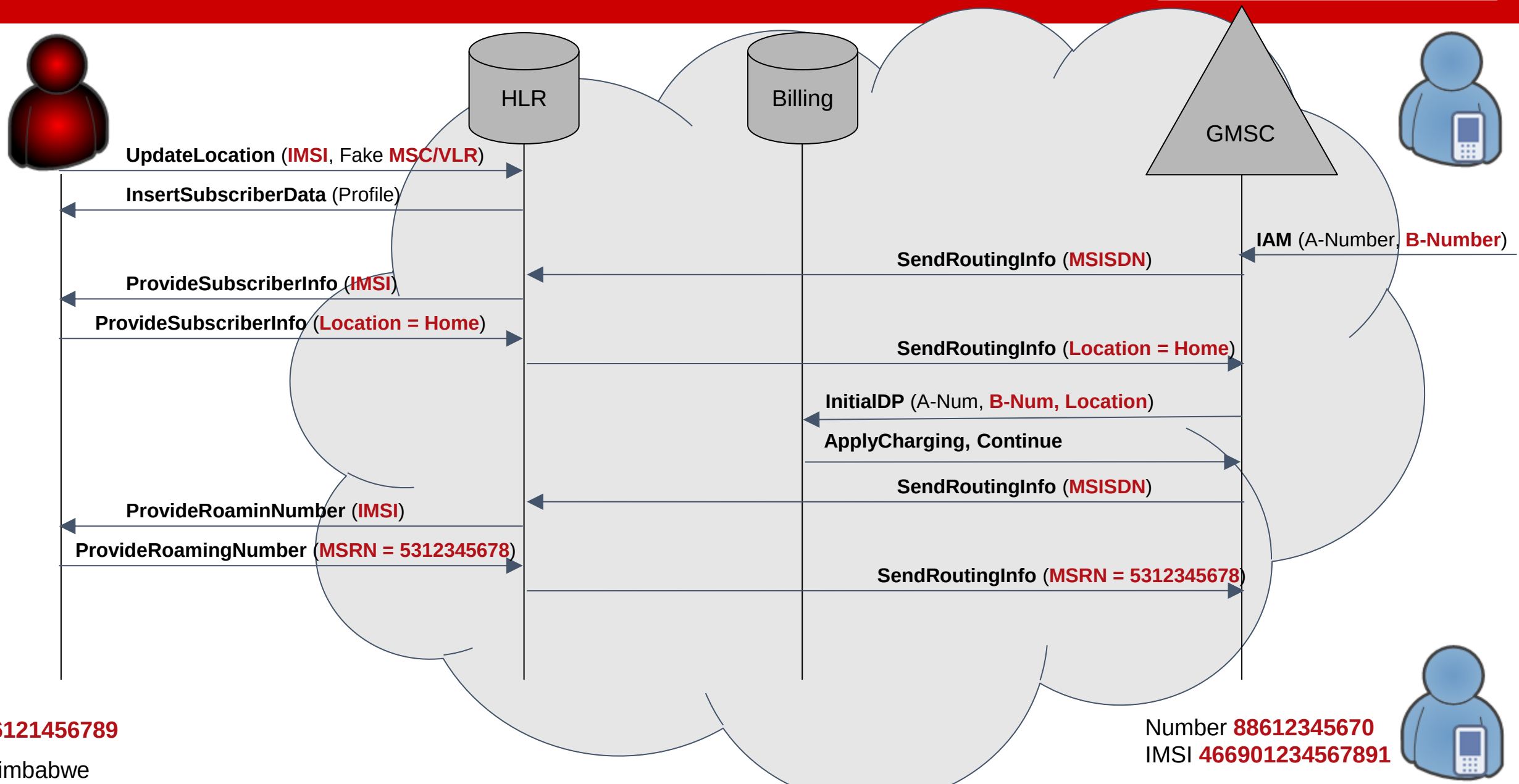

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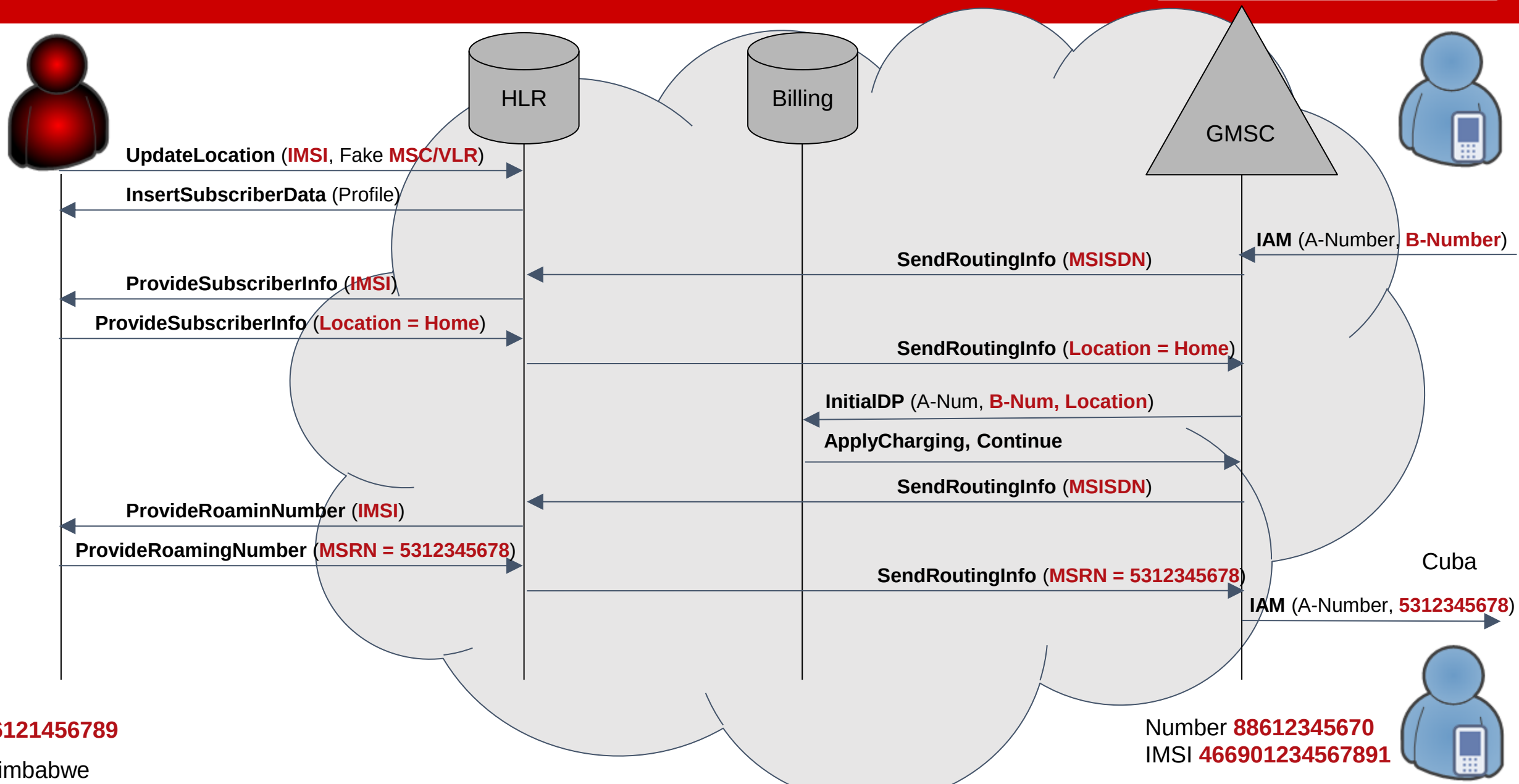

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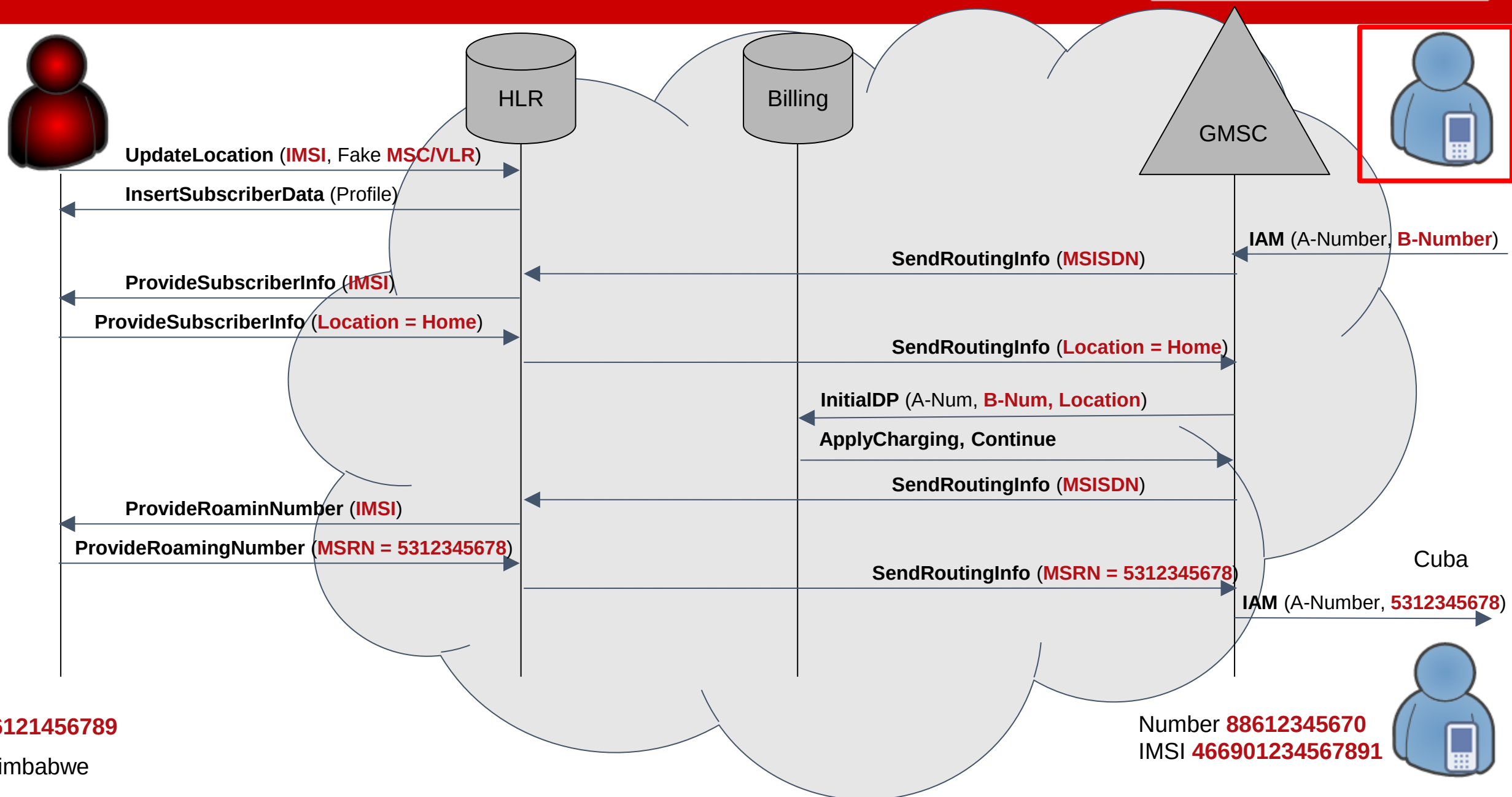

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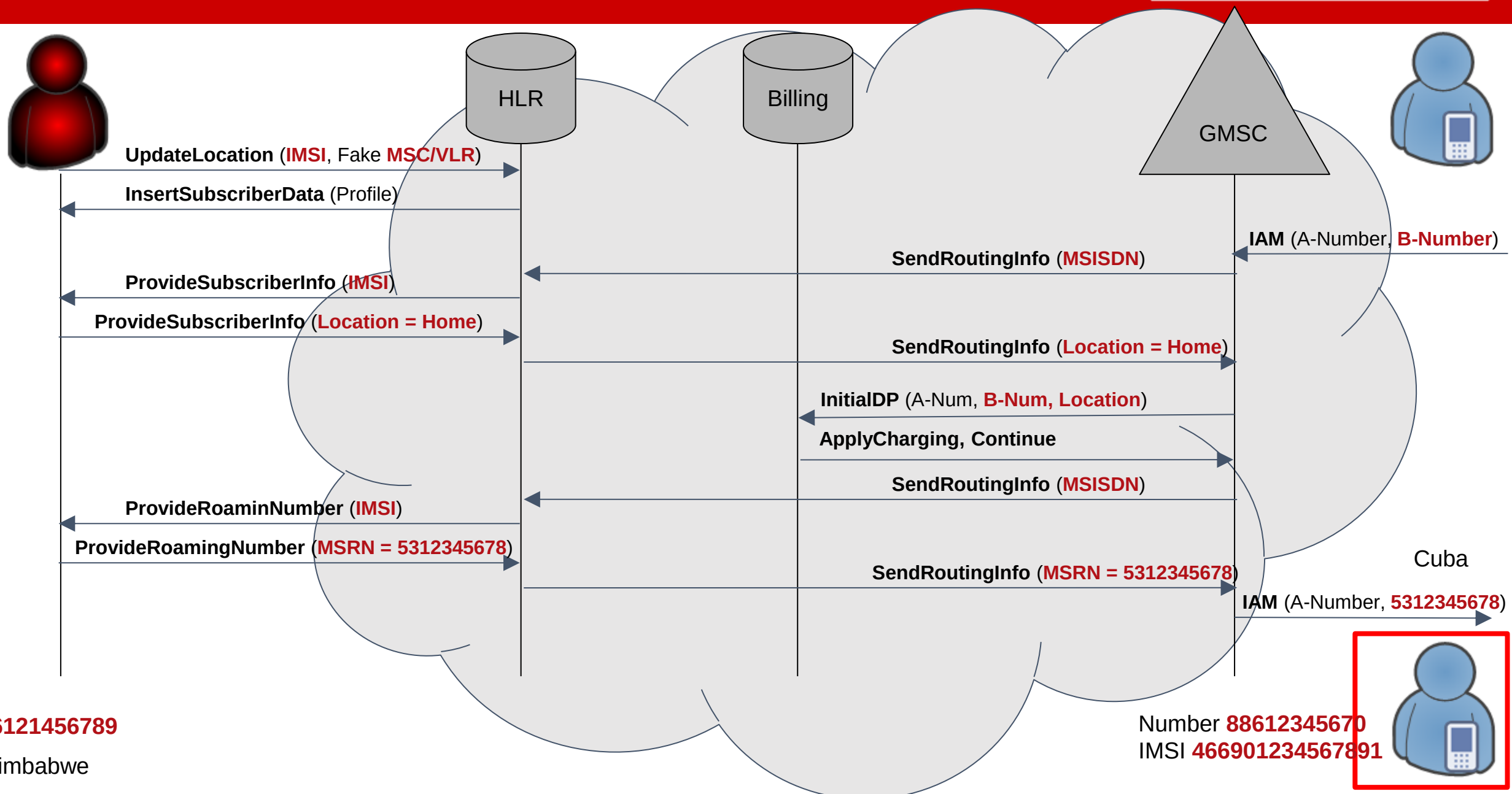

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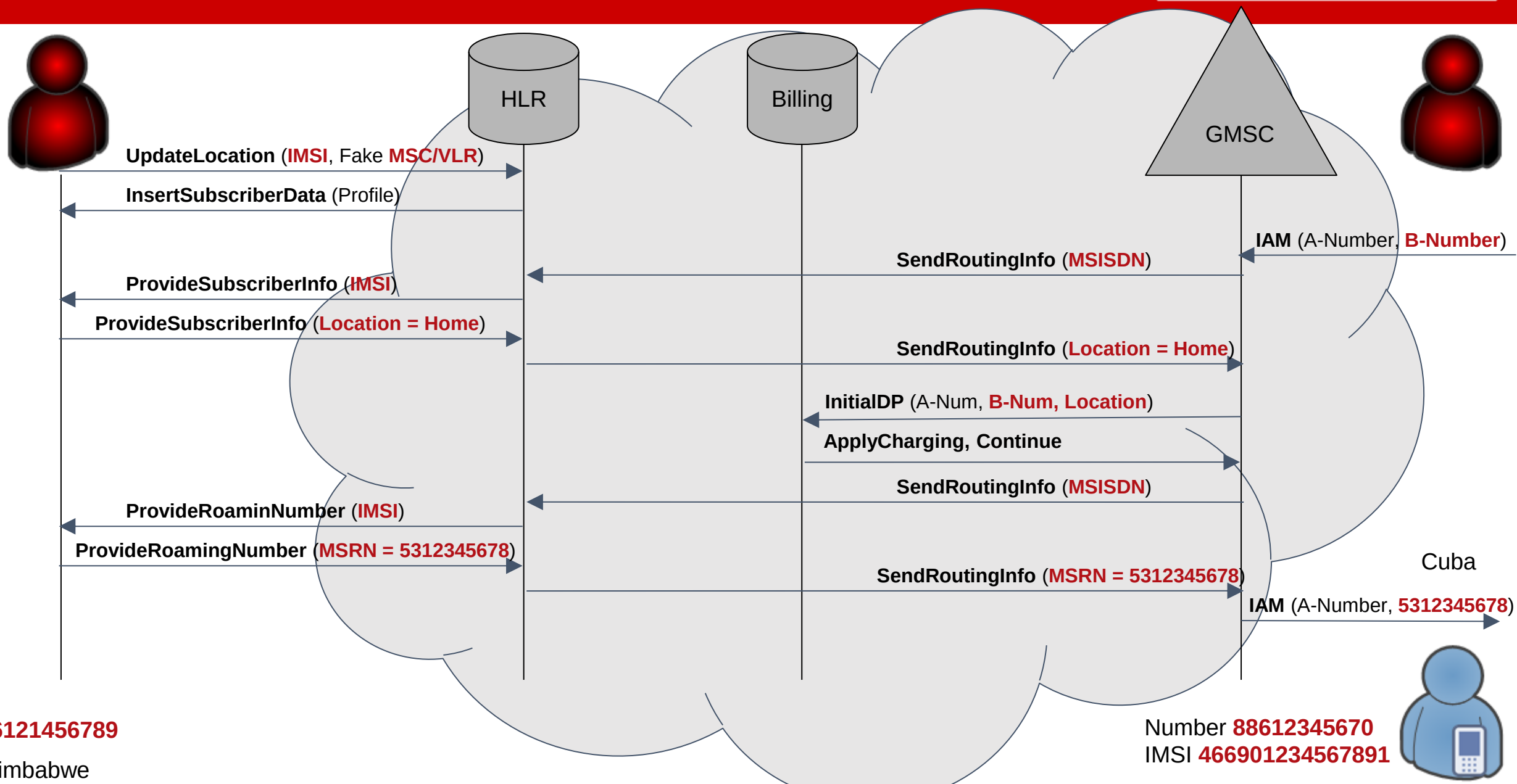


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