

# FICAA

Security Characteristics Framework

**Freshness • Integrity • Confidentiality • Authenticity • Authorization**

# Remember

There is no 100% security

Security, like all engineering, involves tradeoffs

Know what you are trying to secure

The adversary...



**State  
Sponsored**

# Secure Network Communications

Various characteristics of “secure”

Mnemonic device **FICAA**

**F : Freshness**

**I : Integrity**

**C : Confidentiality**

**A : Authenticity** (sometimes written “An”)

**A : Authorization** (sometimes written “Az”)



## **Freshness**

Recipient of message has reason to believe the message is related to the current state of the vehicle.

Recipient will accept a given message once and only once.

Recipient will reject messages not sent “recently”.



## **Integrity**

Recipient can detect if a message was tampered with.

Recipient rejects messages that have been tampered with.



## **Confidentiality**

Contents of a message are not disclosed outside of the secure network.

In command-and-control networks this characteristic is not often needed.

The data looks random to non-members.



## Authentic, “An”

This can have three meanings.

- 1) The **nodes** participating in the secure network are authentic and present cryptographically strong evidence to demonstrate this.
- 2) The **messages** sent are authentic (not spoofed by a nonmember) and the message contains evidence to demonstrate this.
- 3) (less common) The authentic **message** came from a **specific** authentic **node** and the message contains evidence to demonstrate this.

The difference isn't usually important – we get authentic messages only from authentic nodes.

What is **important** is understanding the granularity of authentication evidence required:

- Evidence is for a unique controller (e.g., identified by part number and serial number)
- Evidence is for any controller of a given type (e.g., identified by the part number)
- Evidence is any controller made by the OEM
- None authentication – any controller that can “speak” the protocol is allowed to participate in the network

FICA **A**

## **Authorized, “Az”**

A node participating in the secure network must have authorization to transmit all or a subset of all possible secure messages and presents cryptographically strong evidence to demonstrate this.



# FICAA Examples

Applied to International Standards Work

## SAE J1939-91C (proposed)

### Key Management

Onboard generation of long-lived  $S_N$   
& vehicle  $S_V$

by  
nodes

$A_n$  : (PN, SN) tied to VIN  
 $A_z$  : all

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$S_N$  : Network key generated and shared by leader  
 $S_V$  : Vehicle (session) key from KDF( $S_N$ , joint entropy)

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### Message Exchange

$[F32 | 32 \ I31]64$   
or  $[F32 | 32 \ I31 \ C64]0$

Note appearance of **FICAA**

## AEF TIMv2 (proposed)

Key Management

Onboard generation of long-lived  $S_C$   
& vehicle  $S_V$

by  
nodes

$A_n$  : OEM any (or higher)  
 $A_z$  : role

$S_C$  : Couple key derived using x25519  
 $S_V$  : Session key from KDF( $S_C$ , joint entropy)

Message Exchange

[ $F_{32}$  | 4  $I_4$ ] 56

Note appearance of  $F_{IAA}$  and lack of  $C$  (since there is no confidentiality in this protocol)

# Network Naming Scheme Details

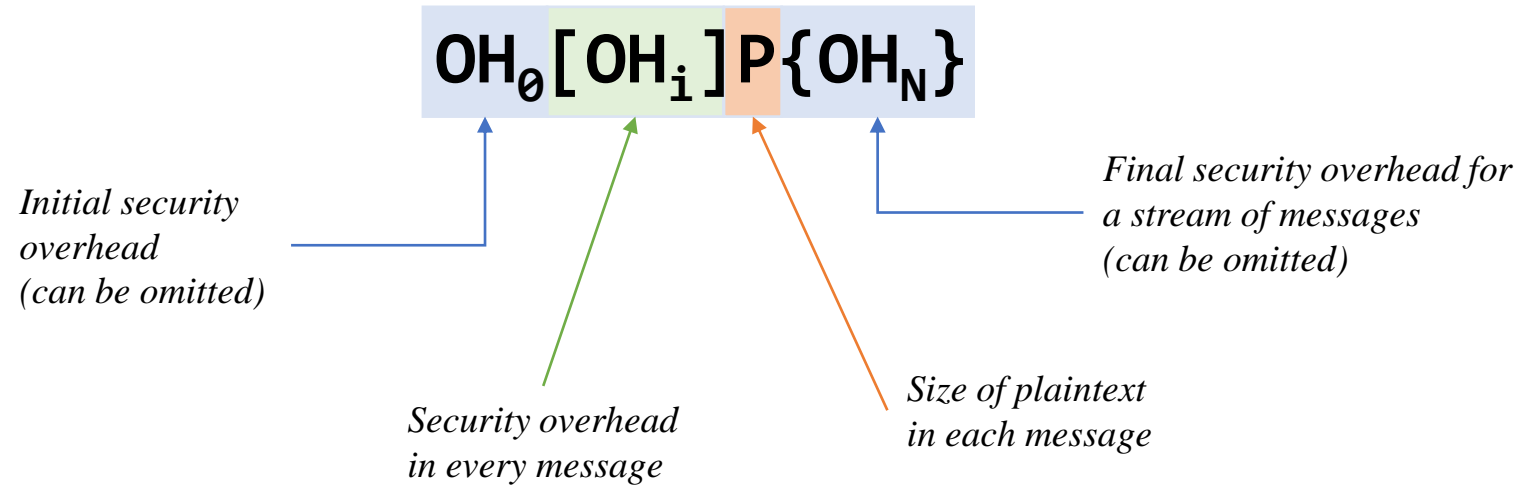
# FIC Annotations

F	x y	x: total length of freshness, in bits y: length of explicit portion, in bits
I	x	x: length of explicit integrity tag, in bits
C	x	x: length of ciphertext, in bits
An	x	x: size of public key msg is authentic to, in bits

# AA Annotations

An	x	x: (Pn, Sn), (Pn), OEM any, none
		(Pn, Sn) authentication to unique ECU, by part number and serial number
		(Pn) authentication to all ECUs of the same part number
		OEM any authentication to any ECU made by the OEM
		none no authentication, any ECU that knows the protocol can participate
Az	x	x: all, role
		all authorized to have keys for all messages
		role authorized to have keys for a subset of messages (e.g., a channel, or specific PGNs)

# Message Exchange Annotations Generic Form



# FICAA Annotations Examples

We'll come to these in over the semester...

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. No message security   | [ ]64                              |
| 2. Block cipher  | [C128]0                            |
| 3. Fresh messages with stream cipher   | [F8 8 C56]0                        |
| 4. Message with integrity tag  | [I8]56                             |
| 5. Fresh messages with integrity tag   | [F4 4 I8]52                        |
| 6. NaCl box  | [F192 192 I128 CN An256]0          |
|  | <i>or</i> An256[F192 192 I128 CN]0 |
| 7. Wrap a stream of N plaintext msgs<br>(preceded by nonce, followed by tag) | <b>nonce</b> ([ ]64)xN {I128}      |