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# An Overview of Automotive Cybersecurity: Challenges and Solution Approaches

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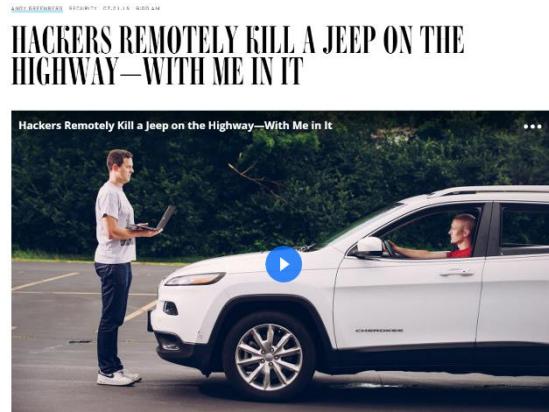
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# MOTIVATION

# Introduction

- Denial-phase should be over: Several teams demonstrated that it is possible to hack critical traffic systems



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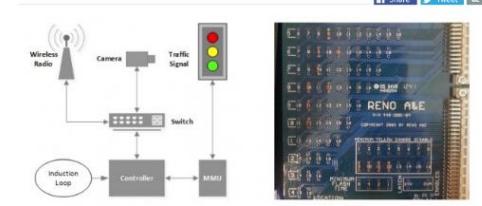
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## RISK ASSESSMENT / SECURITY & HACKTIVISM

Researchers find it's terrifyingly easy to hack traffic lights

Open wireless and default passwords make controlling a city's intersections trivial.

by Lee Hutchinson - Aug 20 2014, 2:30pm EDT



## CAR HACKED ON 60 MINUTES

No real security on the Internet -- even the military is under daily assault -- says the man the Defense Department hired to make the web more secure

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# Traffic Light Controller Security

- Several teams were able to hack into traffic light controller systems, highway signs, and traffic surveillance cameras [e.g. Halderman et al.]
- No (direct) safety-critical vulnerabilities, so far
  - It is not possible to turn all lights to green
  - It might be possible to annoy people to such a degree that they start ignoring traffic laws
- Vulnerabilities due to unprotected networks, missing security standards, lack of awareness, unclear responsibilities
- Potential risk unclear



**Green Lights Forever**  
Michigan computer science researchers have demonstrated security flaws that exist in traffic control systems now in use throughout the country, leaving them vulnerable to manipulation or attack.

# Aftermarket Devices

- Every car sold in the US since 1996 has to have an on-board diagnostics port (OBD2)
- Recent reports indicate that OBD2 dongles can be hacked
  - Not really a surprise
- Once an attacker has access to the OBD2 port, the attacker can inject messages that modify the behavior of the vehicle
  - E.g. deactivate brakes, depending on car model

Argus Cyber Security exploits a vulnerability in Zubie to Remotely Hack a Car



## Hackers could exploit security holes in Progressive Insurance Snapshot devices



Progressive Insurance Snapshot devices are riddled with security flaws that attackers could exploit to hack vehicles.

ANDY GREENBERG / SECURITY 08.11.15 7:00 AM

## HACKERS CUT A CORVETTE'S BRAKES VIA A COMMON CAR GADGET



Security researchers Karl Koscher and Ian Foster. © RYAN YOUNG FOR WIRED

# Automotive

- Luckily never happened in the field so far
- [Checkoway et al.] and [Miller and Valasek] demonstrated that by injecting packets to the OBD2 port, it is possible to disable brakes, turn-off head-lights, and take-over steering (for cars equipped with a parking assistant)
- [Checkoway et al.] demonstrated that it is possible to remotely hack into car via remote telematics connection.
- [Miller and Valasek] demonstrated that it is possible to hack into a car via Internet.
  - Once they hack into the telematics or infotainment unit, the attacks are similar to the previous ones via OBD2
- A mobile device attached to a vehicle infotainment system can inject malicious code.
- Even an MP3 song downloaded from Internet, burned on a CD and insert to the infotainment unit can inject malicious code and change the vehicle behavior.



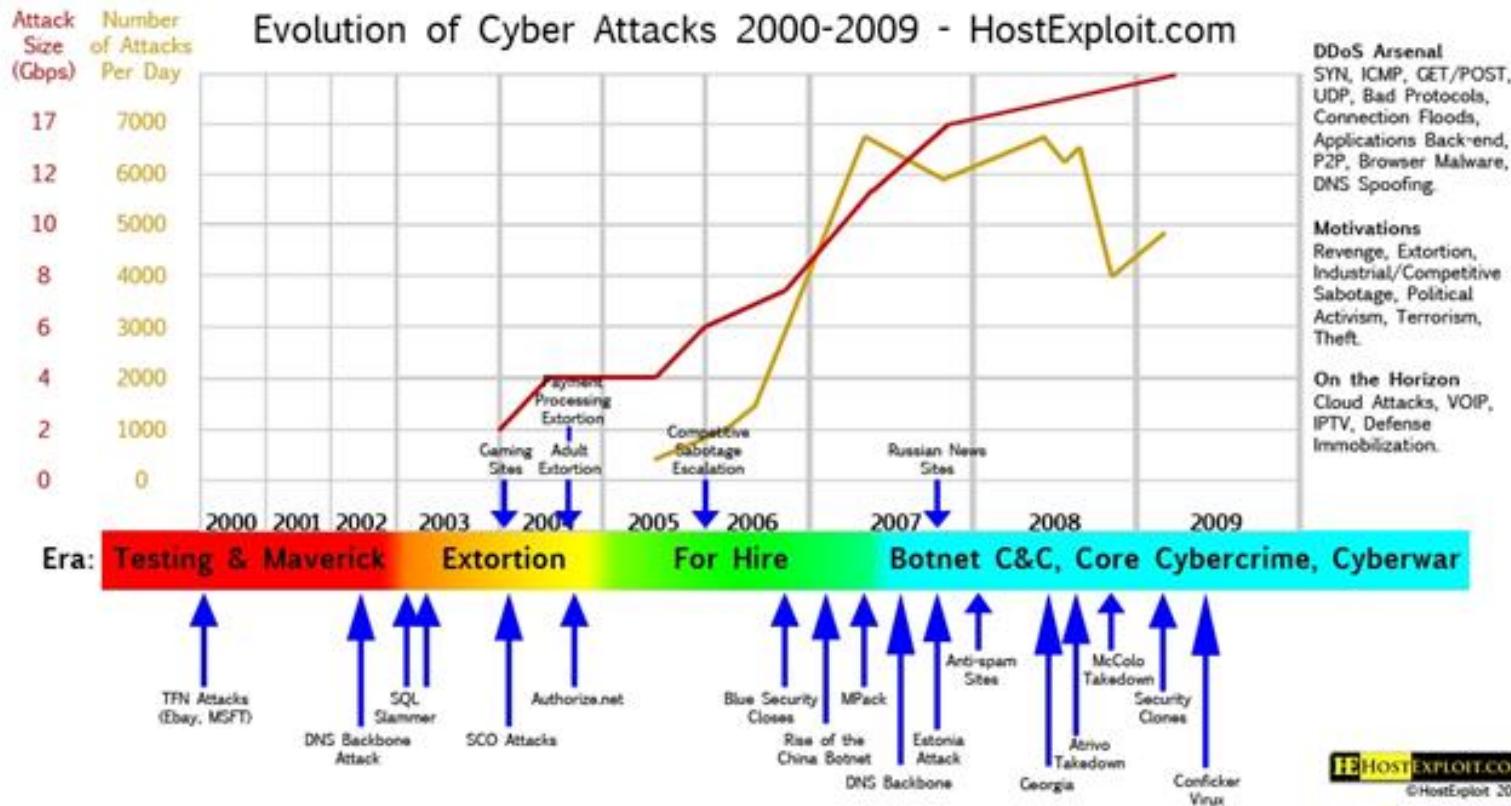
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Embedded Systems Security



Miller attempts to rescue the Jeep after its brakes were remotely disabled, sending it into a ditch. ANDY GREENBERG/WIRED

# CYBERSECURITY RISKS

# History of Internet Cyber Attacks



- If transportation cyber security follows path of Internet, we might see real-world automotive cyber attacks

# Should we be concerned?

- There isn't much incentive to hack into a car in order to harm the passengers
- ***No need to be concerned?***
- The motivation of hackers might eventually root from financial motivation. Once a hacker figures out how to hack into a vehicle for financial reasons, it's a small step (or even accident) to abuse it in other ways.

# Financial Damage

Vehicles are already hacked today every day:

- Counterfeit black market is a gigantic problem
  - Up to \$45 billion damage
- Odometer rollback
  - 6 billion Euro damage per year in Germany
- Chip tuning
  - Damage due to warranty fraud



Source: <http://www.ebay.com>



Source: <http://www.ebay.com>

# Theft

- Increasingly based on “magic boxes”
  - Disclaimer: Probably many hoaxes around!



# Infrastructure

- Central infotainment server could be hacked and modified to push out malware to all vehicles
- Attacker searches entire Internet IPv4 address space for vulnerable vehicles, and then attacks those
  - Using ZMap [[zmap.io](http://zmap.io)] , searching the entire IPv4 address space takes less than 5 minutes



# Today and Near Future: Advanced Driver Assistance Systems

- ADAS provide features such as adaptive cruise control (ACC), pre-crash systems, and automated parking.
- These systems allow electronics to take control of the vehicle (e.g. steering for automatic parking or lane assistance, and accelerating and breaking for ACC)
- If these systems can be remotely controlled or if the behavior can be modified, there are obvious threats.



The new BMW is the world's first self-parking car

Source: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/technology-science/technology/new-bmw-7-series-self-parks-5555297>

# Near Future: Connected Vehicles

- Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication via wireless interface
- Day-1 applications will be a driver safety notification
- V2X could be used as additional sensor for ADAS
- Every vehicle will come with a standardized wireless interface with a range of at least 300m
- If the V2V wireless interface can be compromised, malware can potentially spread rapidly

# Future: Automated Vehicles

- Combines many ADAS/control application features (e.g. radar and camera based driver assistance systems) and connected vehicles technologies (wireless communication)
- Combines the risks that are coming with ADAS and connected vehicle technology:
  - Input from sensors could be manipulated (e.g. to make car believe of a threat)
  - Control systems could be directly manipulated (e.g. to remotely control brakes and steering)
  - Driver might not be able to take control if necessary

## Researcher Hacks Self-driving Car Sensors

By Mark Harris  
Posted 4 Sep 2015 | 19:00 GMT

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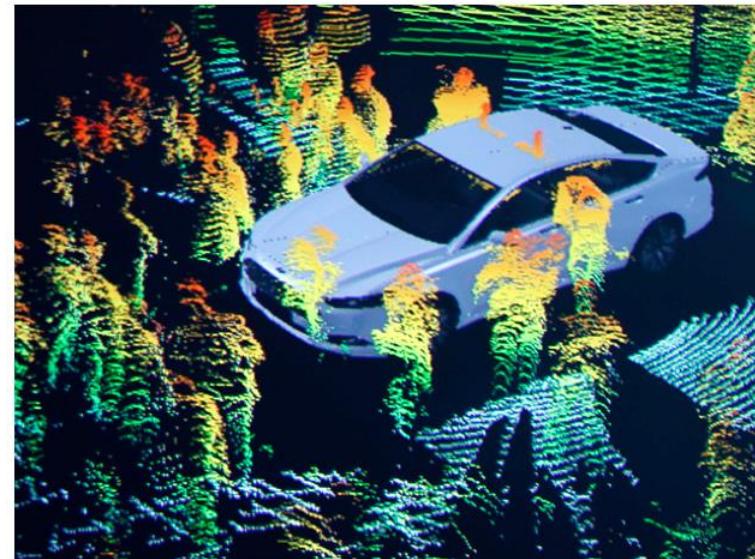


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# Who would ever attack vehicles?

- Already today for financial gain:
    - Odometer manipulation
    - Chip-tuning
  - To collect privacy sensitive data
  - Attacks on functional safety will probably follow Internet history
    - Curiosity and “fame”
    - Targeted paid attacks
    - Organized actions
  - Note: The majority of safety-critical attacks probably do not even target safety but are “accidents“ of flawed attacks with a financial background.
- Driven by illegal business models



# What's special about cars?

- More than 50 million lines of code
- 50+ electronic control units (ECUs)
- Several miles of wire
- Wireless and wired interfaces
- Safety critical systems
- Lifetime of a vehicle at least 10 years, life-cycle much slower than IT and entertainment.
  
- But also increasingly similar to other embedded systems and PCs: embedded Linux, Windows, Bluetooth, software updates, etc.
  
- Common vulnerabilities will increasingly apply to vehicles
- Common countermeasures can be applied as well

# **SOLUTION APPROACHES**

# Security Solutions: Defense in Depth

In-  
vehicle



Secure applications and  
secure access



Application Layer: integrity  
of applications



Operating System: secure  
operating environment



Hardware Layer: support  
for higher layers



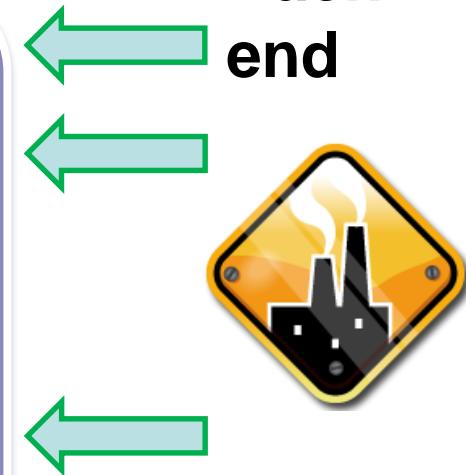
Architecture



Secure platform  
development

- *Secure diagnostics*
- **secure software update**
- **secure boot**
- Hardened OS
- Secure OS
- Micro-kernel
- Virtualization
- Secure boot
- **Theft protection**
- *Secure data and key storage (e.g. for odometer)*
- Secure in-vehicle communication
- **Dedicated central gateway**
- *Firewall and intrusion detection system*

Back-  
end

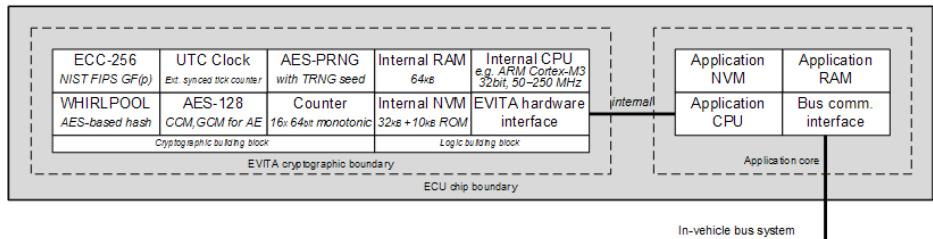


Legend:  
**Common**  
*Coming*  
R&D

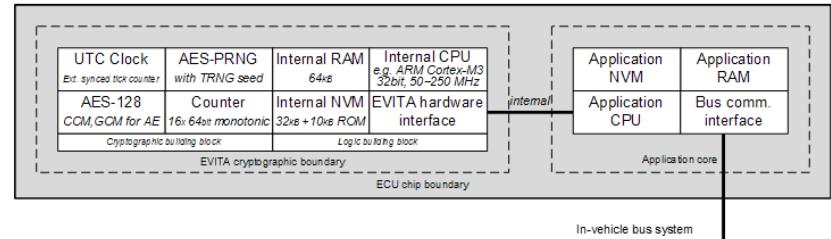
# Hot Topics: Secure Hardware

- Basis for many security applications
- EVITA Full: V2X (one per car)
- HSM - EVITA Medium: for advanced ECUs (gateway, head-unit, engine control)
  - Available 2014/2015
- SHE - EVITA Light: for sensors, actuators, ...
  - Already available

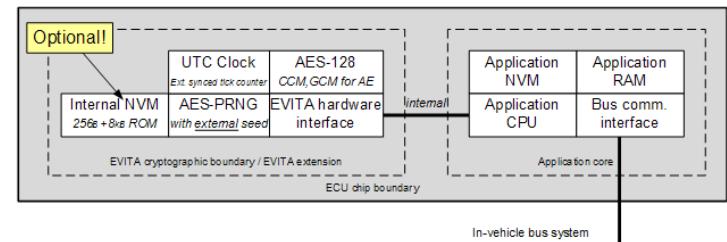
(a) Full version for V2X and large ECU level



(b) Medium version for standard ECU level

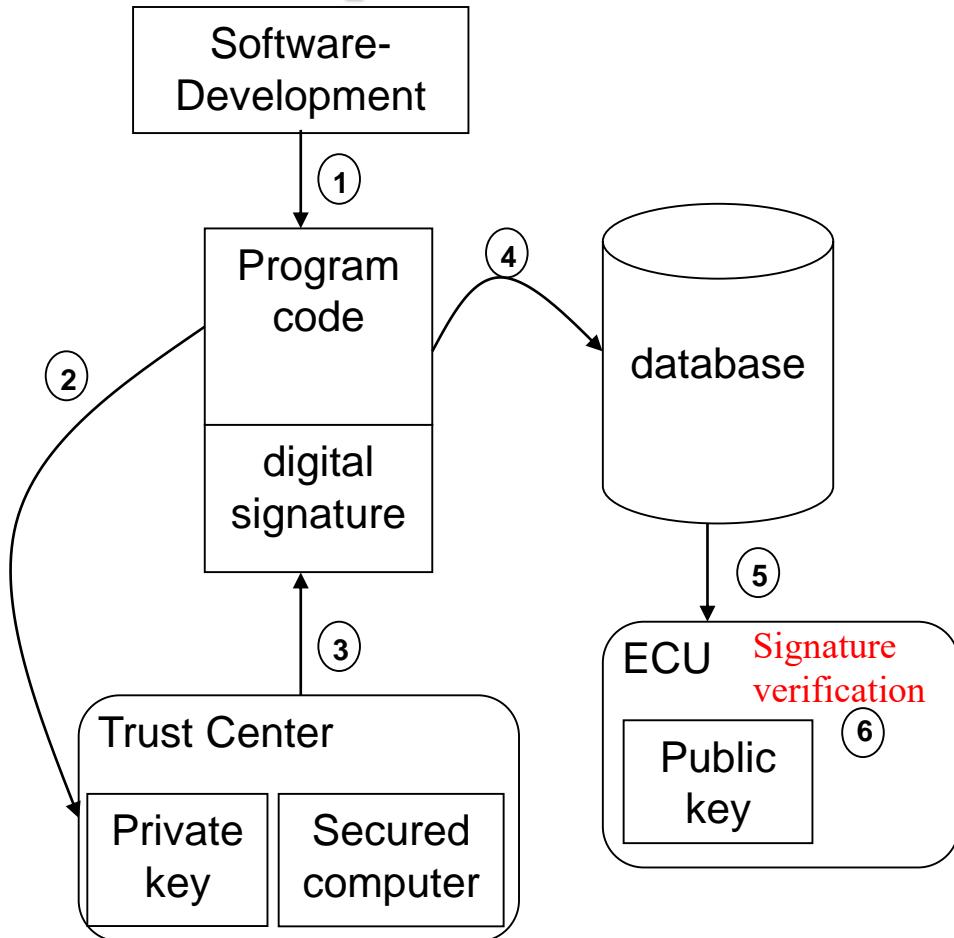


(c) Light version for sensor/actuator ECU level



# Hot Topics: Secure Software Update

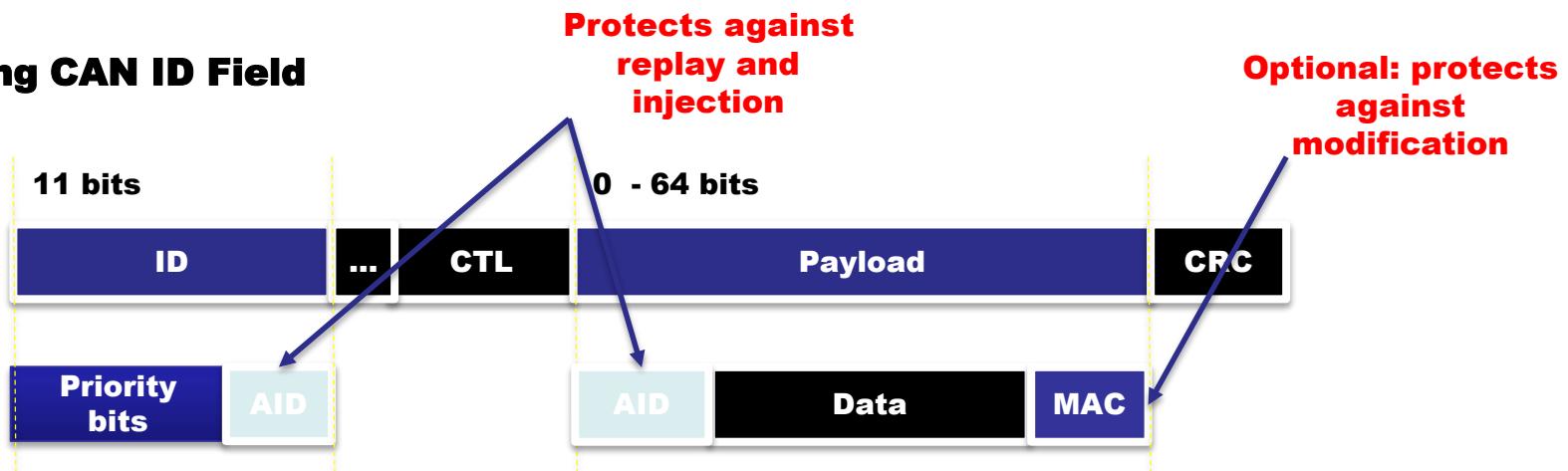
- There is a need to load/update software over-the-air in a secure manner
  - Fix safety issues
  - Introduce new features
- (More or less) understood for infotainment and already offered
- Details not well understood for non-infotainment ECUs
  - E.g., how to update 50 components?



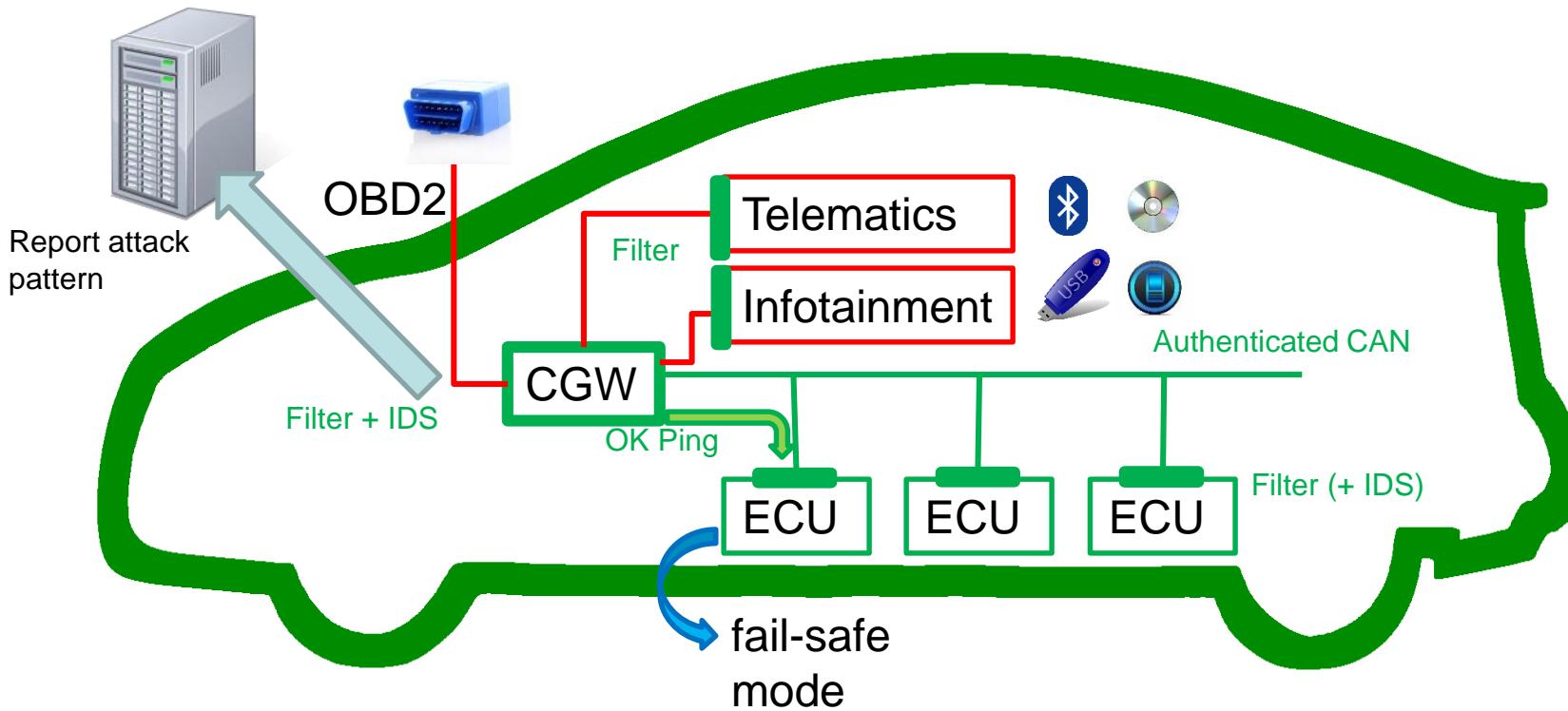
# Hot Topics: Authenticated CAN

- Prevent packet injection and manipulation, e.g.
  - Protect against forged sensor data
  - Component theft protection / immobilizer
  - Authenticated ECU-to-ECU communication
- Identifier Anonymized CAN
  - Use sender authentication (instead of message authentication) to save bytes in payload

## Utilizing CAN ID Field



# Hot Topics: Separated Architecture, Firewall and IDS



- Especially useful with a central gateway architecture that separates safety-critical network segments from external interfaces
- Protects safety-critical systems if infotainment system has been compromised
- Protects vehicle electronics from attacks via OBD2, or from a compromised OBD2 (e.g. insurance) dongle

# **Firewall and IDS**

- Detect and log attack attempts
- Possibly react after successful intrusion attack to stop attack early (e.g. separate any communication between safety-critical network segments)
- UMTRI is working on test platform and framework

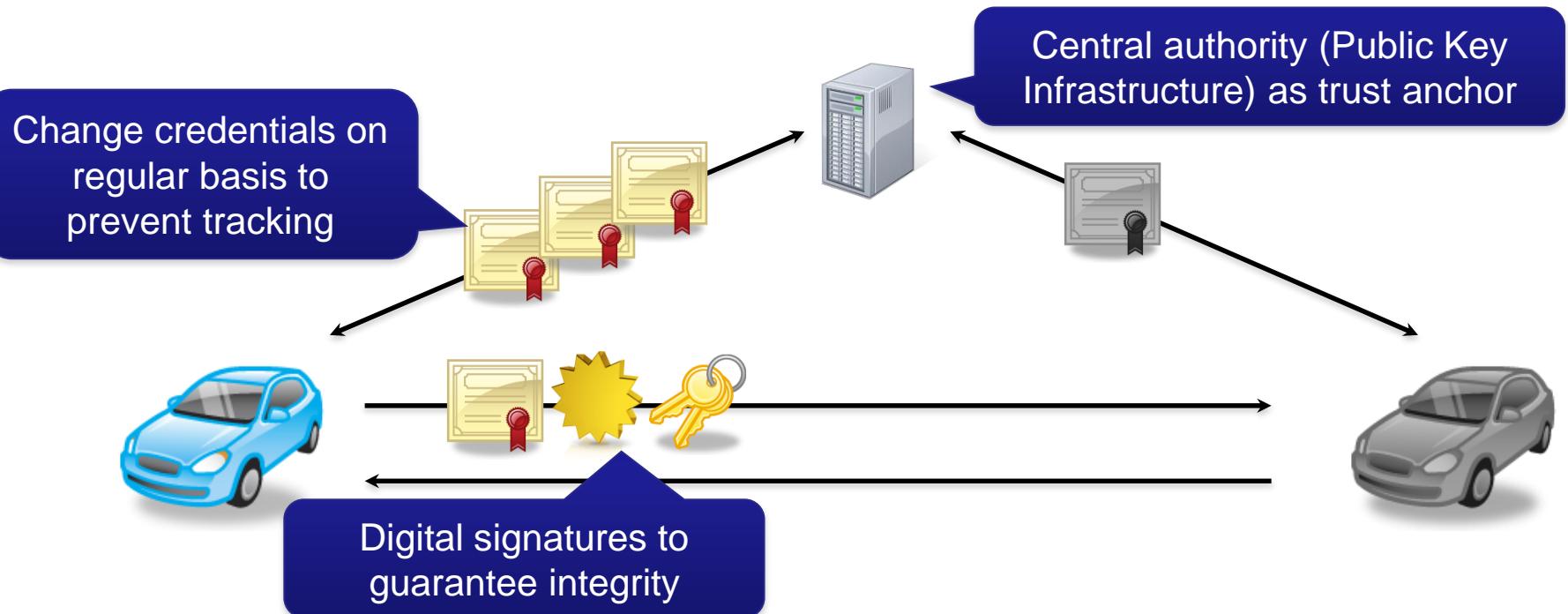
# **Hot Topics: Connected Vehicle Security**

- **32,000 deaths on the road in the US in 2012**
- **Significant reduction may be possible from V2V wireless communications for 360° warning applications.**
  - 300 m range, 802.11-derived medium access
  - Basic Safety Message (BSM): Location, velocity, steering angle...
  - Allows receiving unit to predict collisions
  - Warn driver, driver action can prevent or reduce impact of collision
- **USDOT (NHTSA) announced Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, to move on with the process of mandating this system for inclusion in new light vehicles**

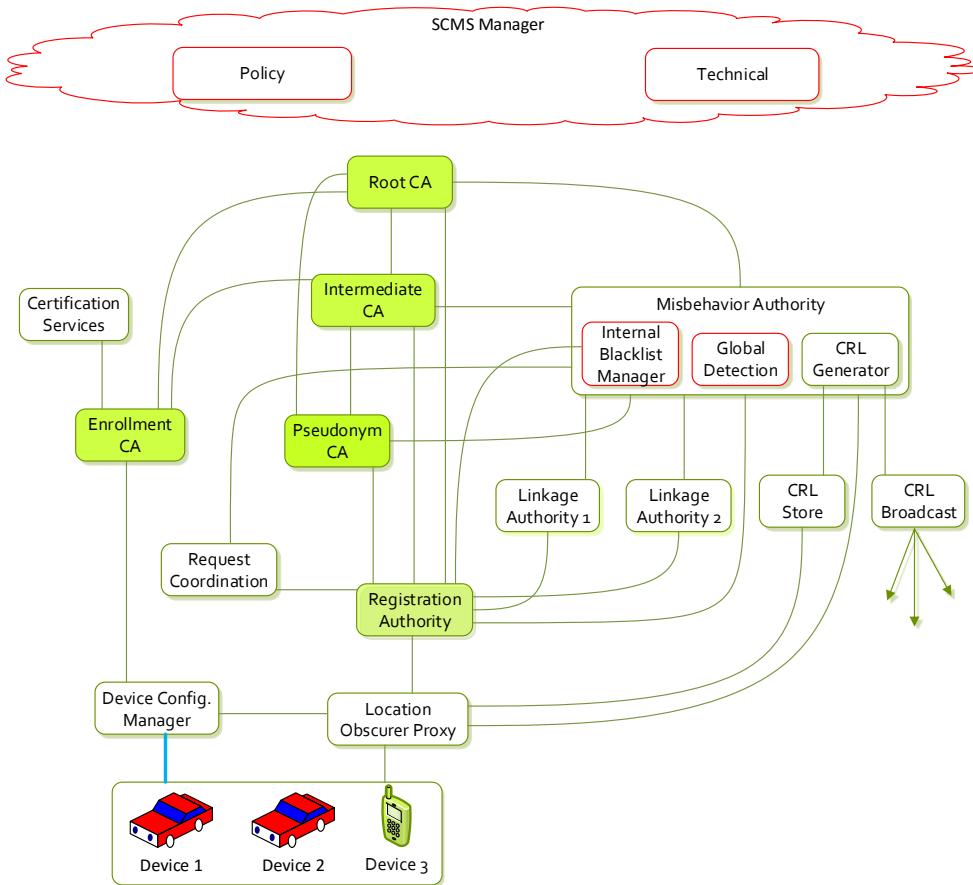
# Connected Vehicles

To enforce security in V2X systems we need to ensure that

- a message originates from a trustworthy and legitimate device
- a message was not modified between sender and receiver



# SCMS Overview



- **Privacy against insiders and outsiders**
  - Separation of SCMS duties and information: a single SCMS component cannot link any two certificates to same device (no tracking)
  - No information stored within SCMS that links certificates to a particular device, vehicle or owner
  - Registration Authority (RA) shuffles all requests from device
  - Location Obscurer Proxy (LOP) acts as anonymizer proxy
- **Butterfly keys to minimize effort of device**
- **Efficient privacy-preserving revocation**

# Safety Pilot Model Deployment

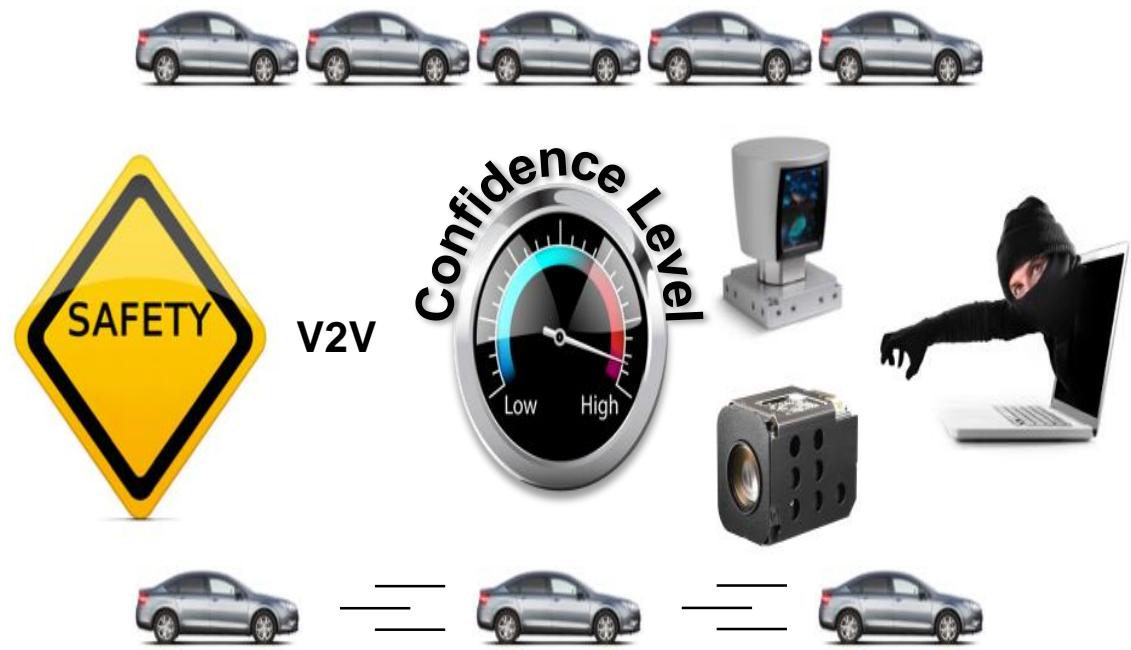


- Conducted by UMTRI
- More than 2,800 vehicles equipped with DSRC wireless communication devices in a concentrated geographic area (Ann Arbor)
- Equipped roadside units.
- Full-blown cybersecurity tested.

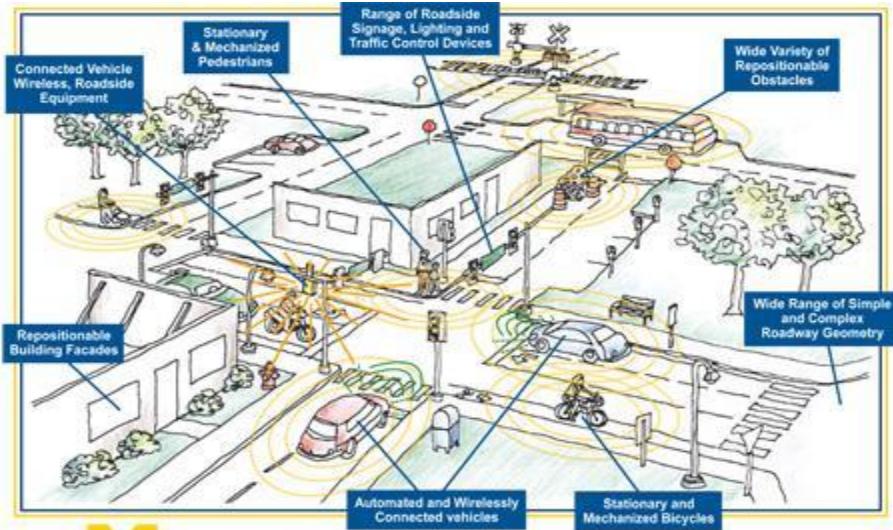


# Hot Topics: Automated Cars

- Safe platoon
  - Redundant sensors
- Secure platoon
  - Redundant sensors and confidence levels
- On-going work whether cybersecurity is limiting factor



# Mobility Transformation Center and M City



**Mobility Transformation Facility**

## MTC

- 20,000 secure connected vehicles in South East Michigan
- 2,000 secure automated vehicles in Ann Arbor by 2021

- Public-private partnership of car makers, suppliers, chip makers, insurance companies, MDOT, etc.
- Cybersecurity identified as cross-layer topic

# Conclusions

- **Automotive cybersecurity is real**
  - Attackers will likely not target safety but seek financial profit.
  - Attackers might accidentally impact safety.
  - If automotive cybersecurity follows the Internet history, we will see attack waves in the future.
- **Automotive cybersecurity is unique**
- **There is no one size fits all cybersecurity solution, but a good security design follows a defense-in-depth strategy**
- **Future technologies will require new cybersecurity solutions**

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