

Formally Verifiable Features in Embedded Vehicular Security Systems

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Background: Safety application with V2V/R2V communication

- ▶ Troubles with Electronic Control Unit (ECU)
 - ▶ Downloading malicious programs
 - ▶ Tampering with genuine ECU programs
 - ▶ Paralyzing transportation systems with malicious information
- ▶ Our attention
 - ▶ Remote Attestation Scheme: Execution of trusted programs (Trusted booting)
 - ▶ Secure and authenticated communication: Encrypted or signed messages with a lightweight encryption system

Is this enough?

Where is the **guarantee** that the protocols satisfy the expected behavior or security properties?

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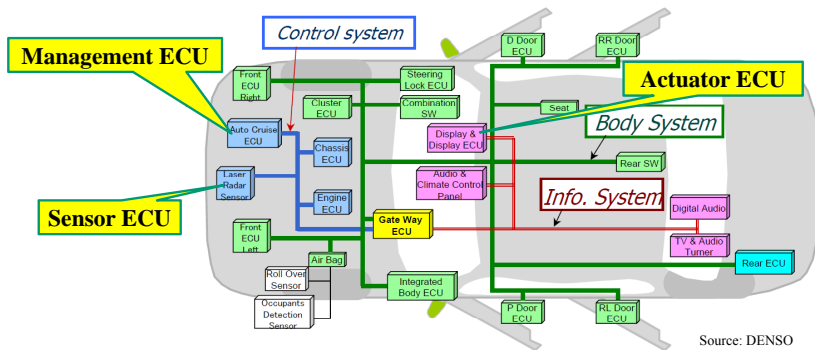
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- (P5) It is desirable that a software security module can be verified formally.

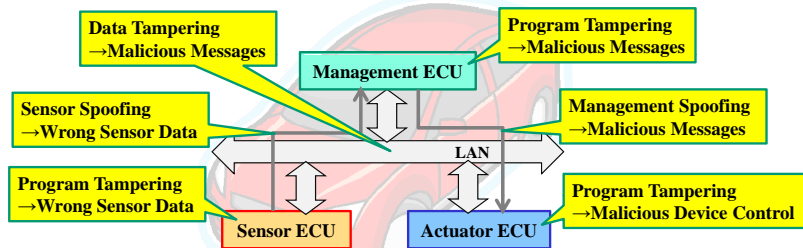
In-Vehicle Communication Architecture

- ▶ Assumption: All devices linked by LAN (CAN, LIN, or FlexRay)
- ▶ Each device is represented by an ECU
 - ▶ 3 categories: sensors, actuators, and management
 - ▶ All ECUs communicate with each other through LAN

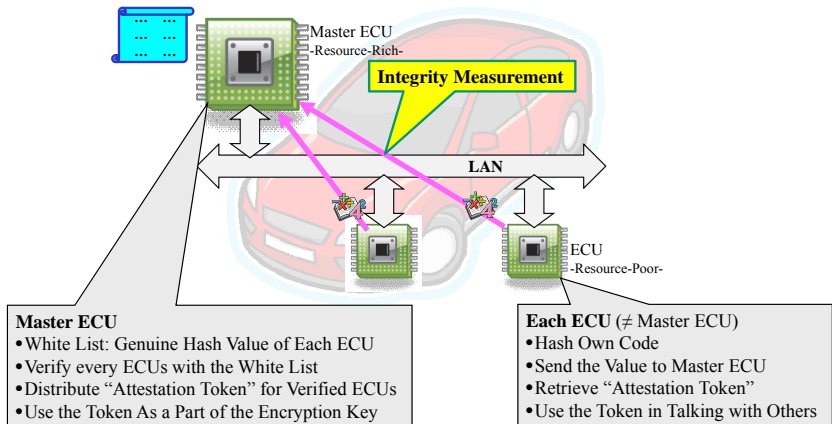


Source: DENSO

Threats for in-vehicle communication

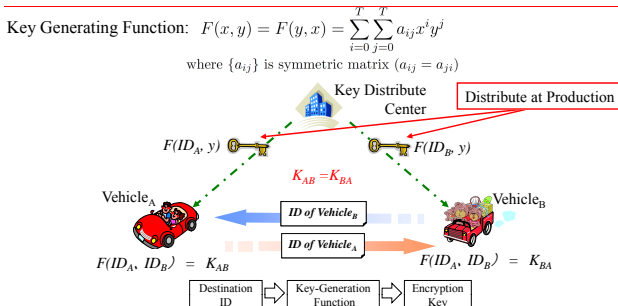


Attestation-based scheme for in-vehicle communication



A symmetric encryption scheme: KPS

- Basic requirements: **low latency** and **long lifetime**



- Security parameter: T
 - For extracting key-generation function
 - Required to tamper with $(T + 1)$ ECUs

Initialization protocol

- (Step 1) $\mathcal{E}_m \rightarrow \text{all} :$ broadcast r_1
(Step 2) $\mathcal{E}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_m :$ $Sig_{F_x(\mathcal{E}_m)}\{\mathcal{E}_x, H(\text{ROM}_x), r_1, r\}$
(Step 3) $\mathcal{E}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_x :$ $\{r_2, r, H(\text{ROM}_m)\}_{F_m(\mathcal{E}_x)}$

r_1, r_2 : Random numbers generated by Master ECU

r : Random number independently generated by each ECU

The protocol problems

- ▶ Good cryptography alone is not sufficient for writing good security protocols. Even with a perfect cryptography.
- ▶ In general, it is very hard to detect security flaws.

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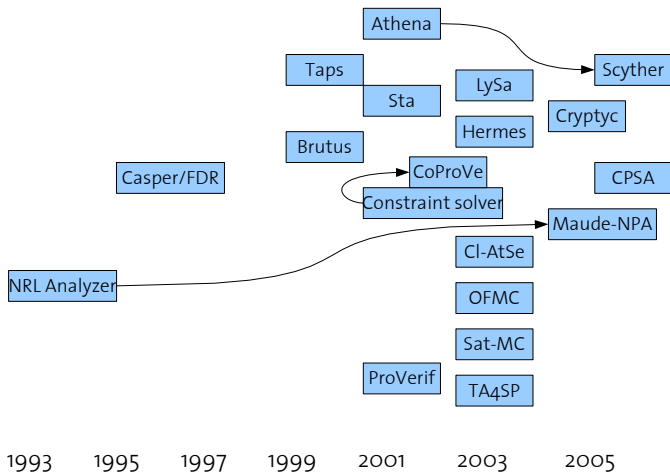
Automatic protocol verification I

- ▶ The design of protocols is error-prone.
- ▶ Errors cannot be detected by testing, since they appear only in the presence of a malicious adversary.
- ▶ Typically achieved using language-based techniques
- ▶ Verification of protocols in the Dolev-Yao model
- ▶ Unbounded number of sessions

Automatic protocol verification II

- ▶ Protocol insecurity is NP-complete for a bounded number of sessions.
- ▶ Undecidable for an unbounded number of sessions.
- ▶ Automatic verification for an unbounded number of sessions cannot be achieved for all protocols.

(Semi-)Automatic verification tools



(Cas Cremers)

- An abstract representation of the protocol by a **set of Horn clauses**.
- Fully automatic proofs of protocols for an **unbounded number of runs** and an **unbounded message space**.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\text{adversary}(\{M\}_k) \quad \text{adversary}(k)}{\text{adversary}(M)} \\
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 \frac{\text{adversary}(\langle M \rangle_{sk_A})}{\text{adversary}(M)} \quad \frac{\text{adversary}(M) \quad \text{adversary}(k)}{\text{adversary}(\langle M \rangle_k)} \\
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 \text{adversary}(pk(sk_A))
 \end{array}$$

Scyther: ns3.spdl

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Protocol description Verification parameters

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// Needham-Schroeder protocol
// PKI infrastructure
const pk: Function;
secret sk: Function;
inversekeys {pk,sk};

// The protocol description
protocol ns3(R)
{
  role I
  {
    const ni: Nonce;
    var nr: Nonce;

    send_1(I,R, {I,nr} pk(R));
    read_2(R, {nr,nr} pk(I));
    send_3(I,R, {nr} pk(R));

    claim_1(I,Secret,ni);
    claim_2(I,Secret,nr);
    claim_3(I,Nagree);
    claim_4(I,Nisynch);
  }

  role R
  {
    var ni: Nonce;
    const nr: Nonce;

    read_1(I,R, {I,nr} pk(R));
    send_2(R, {nr,nr} pk(I));
    read_3(I,R, {nr} pk(R));

    claim_r1(R,Secret,ni);
    claim_r2(R,Secret,nr);
    claim_r3(R,Nagree);
    claim_r4(R,Nisynch);
  }
}

// An untrusted agent, with leaked information
const Eve: Agent;
untrusted Eve;
compromised sk(Eve);
        
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Scyther results : verify

Claim	Status	Comments	Classes
ns3,1	Secret ni	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ns3,2	Secret nr	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ns3,3	Nagree	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ns3,4	Nisynch	Ok Verified	No attacks.
R, ns3,r1	Secret ni	Fail Falsified	At least 1 attack. 1 attack
ns3,r2	Secret nr	Fail Falsified	At least 1 attack. 1 attack
ns3,r3	Nagree	Fail Falsified	At least 1 attack. 1 attack
ns3,r4	Nisynch	Fail Falsified	At least 1 attack. 1 attack

Done.

Attack for claim ns3,r1

Run #2
Agent2 in role I
I → Agent2
R → Eve
Const nr#2
Var nr → nr#1

Initial intruder knowledge

send_1 to Eve {Agent2,nr#2} pk(Eve)

decrypt k(Eve)

pk(Agent1)

Run #1
Agent1 in role R
I → Agent2
R → Agent1
Const nr#1
Var ni → nr#2

encrypt nr#2

read_1 from Agent2 {Agent2,nr#2} pk(Agent1)

send_2 to Agent2 {nr#2,nr#1} pk(Agent2)

take sender Eve

read_2 from Eve {nr#2,nr#1} pk(Agent2)

send_3 to Eve {nr#1} pk(Eve)

decrypt nr#1

read_3 from Agent2 {nr#1} pk(Agent1)

encrypt nr#1

claim_r1 Secret nr#2

[Id 1] Protocol ns3, role R, claim type Secret

Some features of ProVerif and Scyther

- ▶ fully automatic
- ▶ very fast: small examples verified in 0.x s; complex ones in few minutes
- ▶ very precise in tests for secrecy and authentication
- ▶ for unbounded number of sessions and message space
- ▶ applicable for a wide range of cryptographic primitives

Conclusion

- ▶ Attestation-based security scheme for in-vehicle communication
- ▶ Important basic features in embedding security in vehicles.
- ▶ Introduction to formal methods in (semi-)automatic verification of security protocols.
- ▶ Application in in-vehicle communication.
- ▶ Time for more interest in using formal methods!