

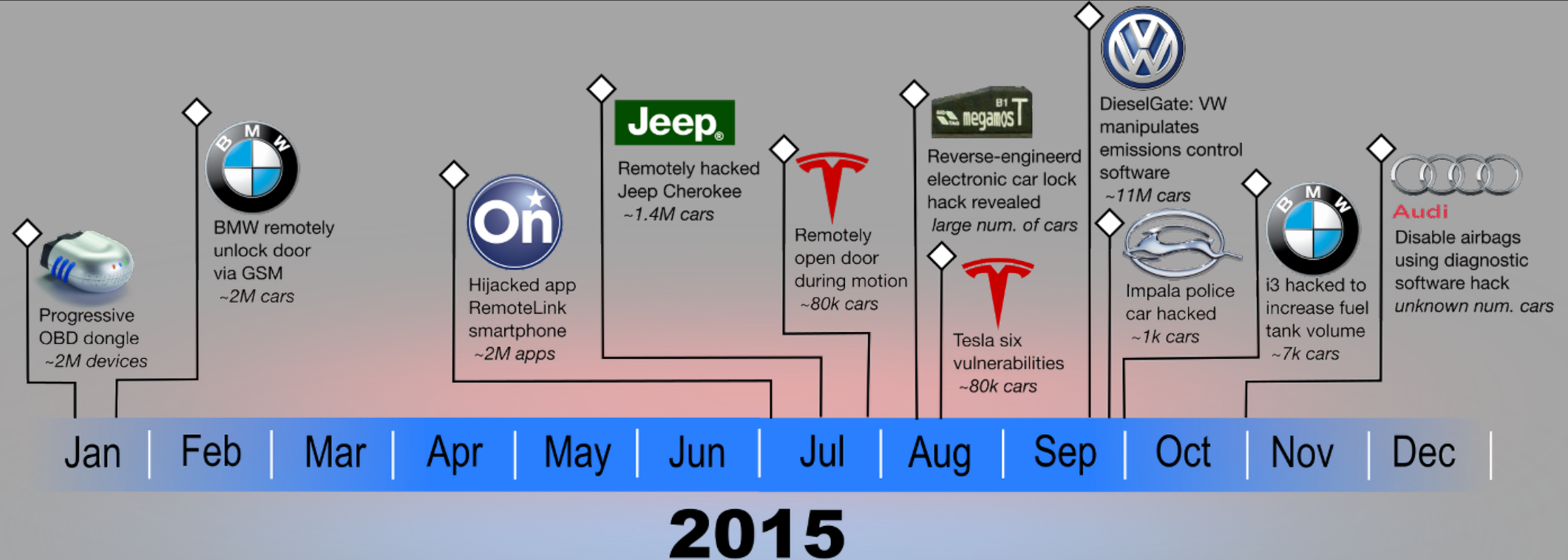
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S2-CAN: Sufficiently Secure Controller Area Network

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Most car hackings have one thing in common!

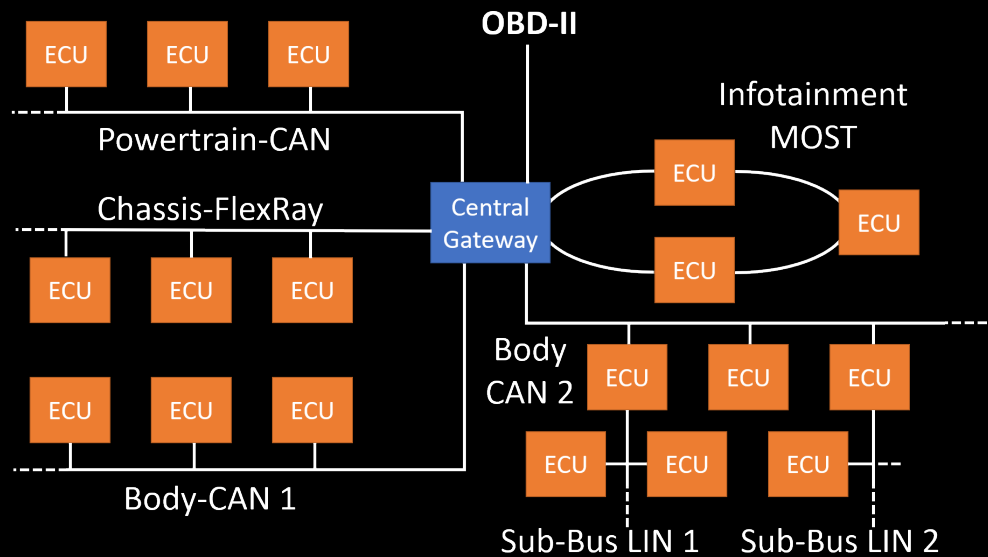


CAN Injection Necessary for Most Attacks

CAN Injection?!

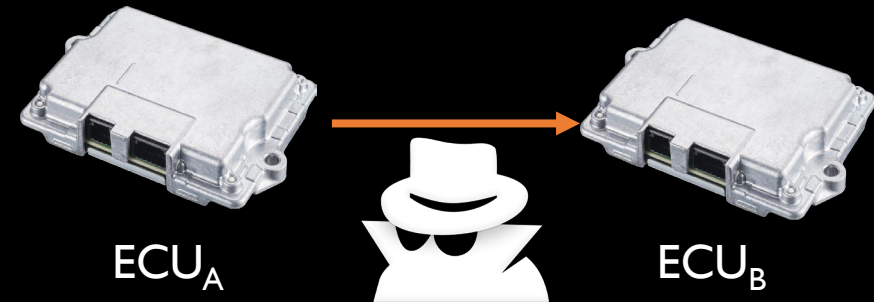
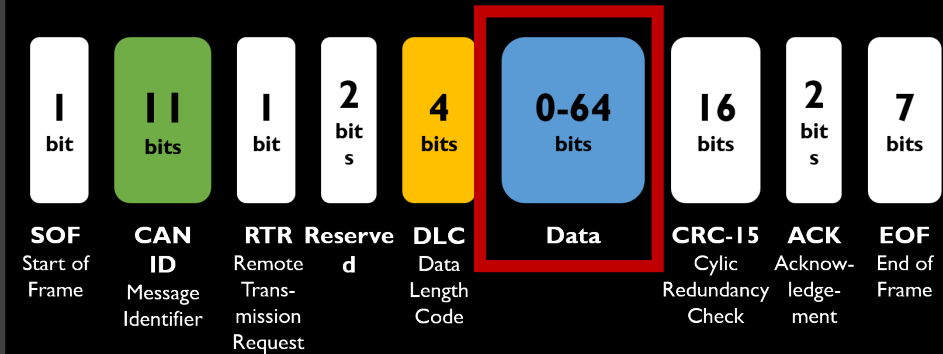


In-Vehicle Network Architecture



CAN bus is most prominent & de facto standard

Controller Area Network



Lacks confidentiality and authenticity

Why is encryption required?

CAN Injection?!



OBJECTIVE



Inject Well-Formed CAN Message
to IVN

GOAL



Compromise or Break Vehicle's
Functionalities

CHALLENGE

		Bit Positions							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Byte Number	0								
	1								
	2								
	3								
	4								
	5								
	6								
	7								

Semantics/Translation Tables
Proprietary to OEM

Encryption prevents reverse engineering!

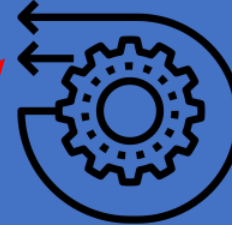
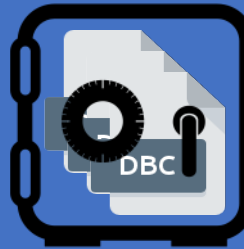
CAN Injection?!



OR

“Security by obscurity”

Current Automotive Standard



Automated CAN Bus Reverse Engineering

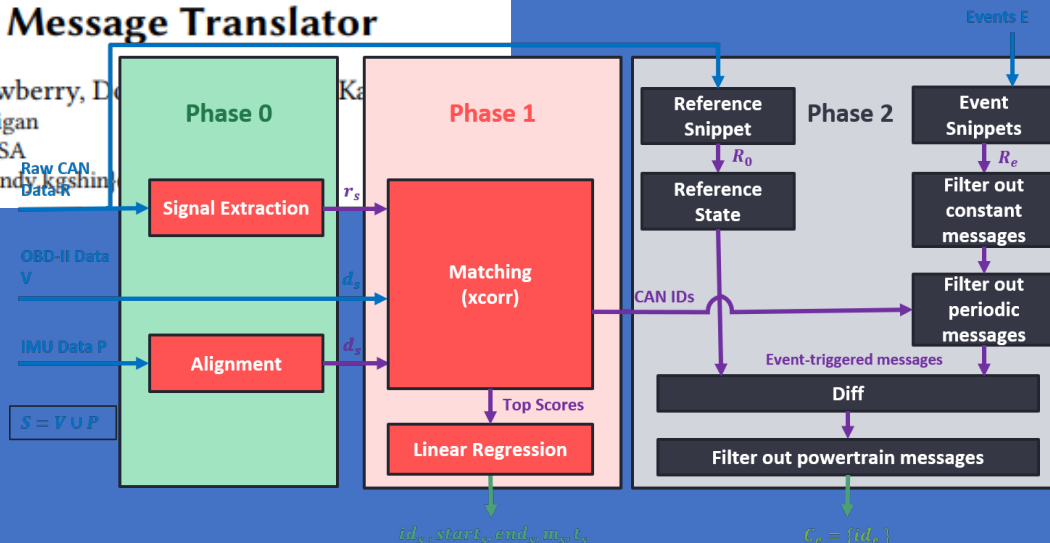
LibreCAN: Automated CAN Message Translator

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- High accuracy
- Large coverage
- Fast (<2 min)



Inject Well-

Encryption prevents reverse engineering!

So, what're out there?

	Protection	Algorithm	HW/SW	Bus Load	Latency	MAC Length	Security Level
CaCAN [Ku14]	Authenticity + Freshness	SHA256-HMAC	HW+SW	+100%	+2.2-3.2μs	1 Byte	2^7
IA-CAN [Ha15]	Authenticity	Random. CAN ID + CMAC	SW	+0%	8bit: +72ms 32bit: +150μs	1-4 Bytes	$2^7 - 2^{31}$
vatiCAN [Nü16]	Authenticity + Freshness	SHA3-HMAC	SW	+16.2%	+3.3ms	8 Bytes	2^{63}
TESLA [Pe00]	Authenticity + Freshness	PRF + HMAC	SW	+0%	+500ms	10 Bytes	2^{79}
LeiA [Ra16]	Authenticity + Freshness	MAC	SW	+100%	N/A	8 Bytes	2^{63}
CANAuth[He11]	Authenticity + Freshness	HMAC	HW+SW	+0%	N/A	10 Bytes	2^{79}



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Resource-constrained
(legacy) ECUs



LATENCY

Hard Real-Time
Requirements



BUS LOAD

Must be below 80%, ideally
below 30% to
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S2-CAN: Our SOLUTION

- Breaks away from traditional cryptography-based solutions (S-CAN)
- Addresses three key feasibility issues
- Offers good practical -- albeit relaxed -- security guarantees

TRADE-OFF BETWEEN PERFORMANCE AND SECURITY



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S2-CAN

Confidentiality +
Authenticity + Freshness

Circular Shift +
Internal ID Match

SW

+0%

+75µs

N/A

~2⁴⁹

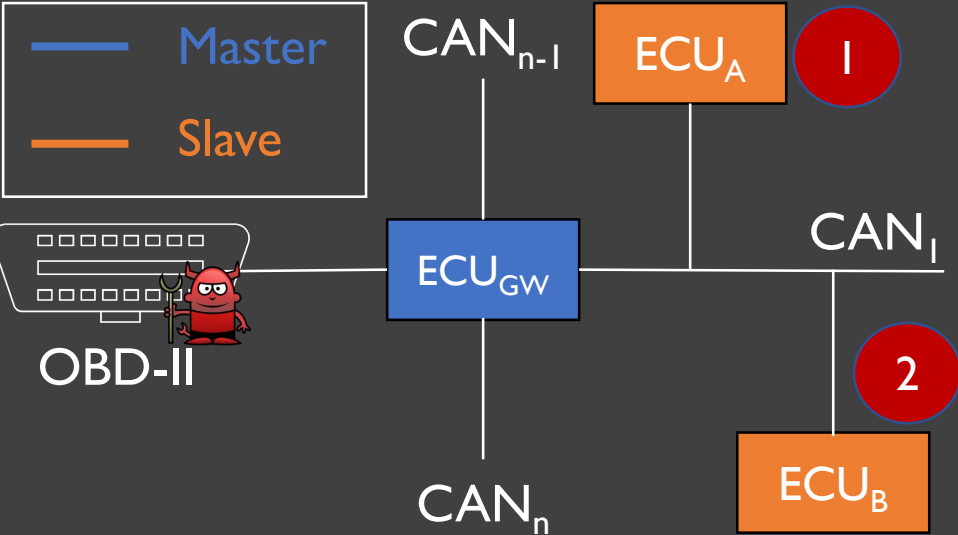
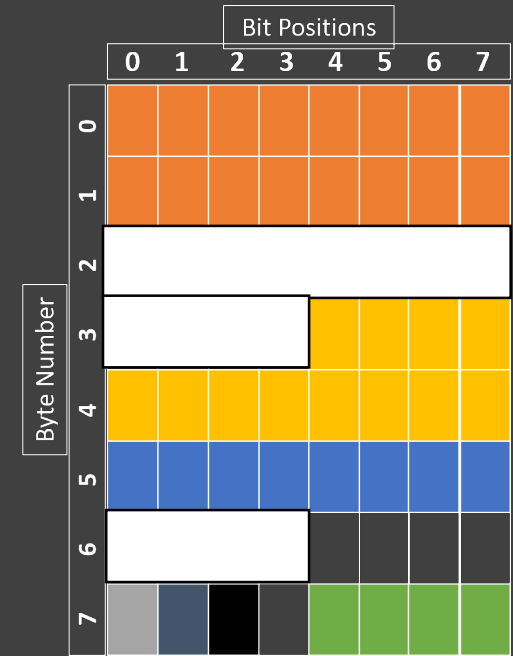


How does S2-CAN work?

- (1) Internal ID = Rand(0, N-1)
- (2) Internal Position = FS(Y)
- (3) Internal Counter = Rand(0, 2¹⁶-1)

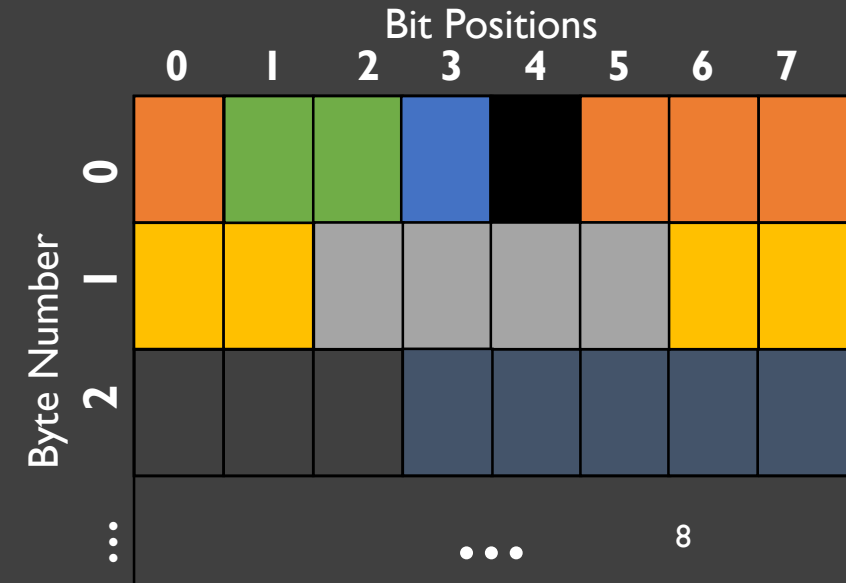


$$q_j = \text{LEFTZEROPAD}(\text{int_ID}_j, 8) \oplus \text{cnt}_j$$



- (4) Encoding Parameter $f = (r_0, r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5, r_6, r_7), r_i \in [0,7]$

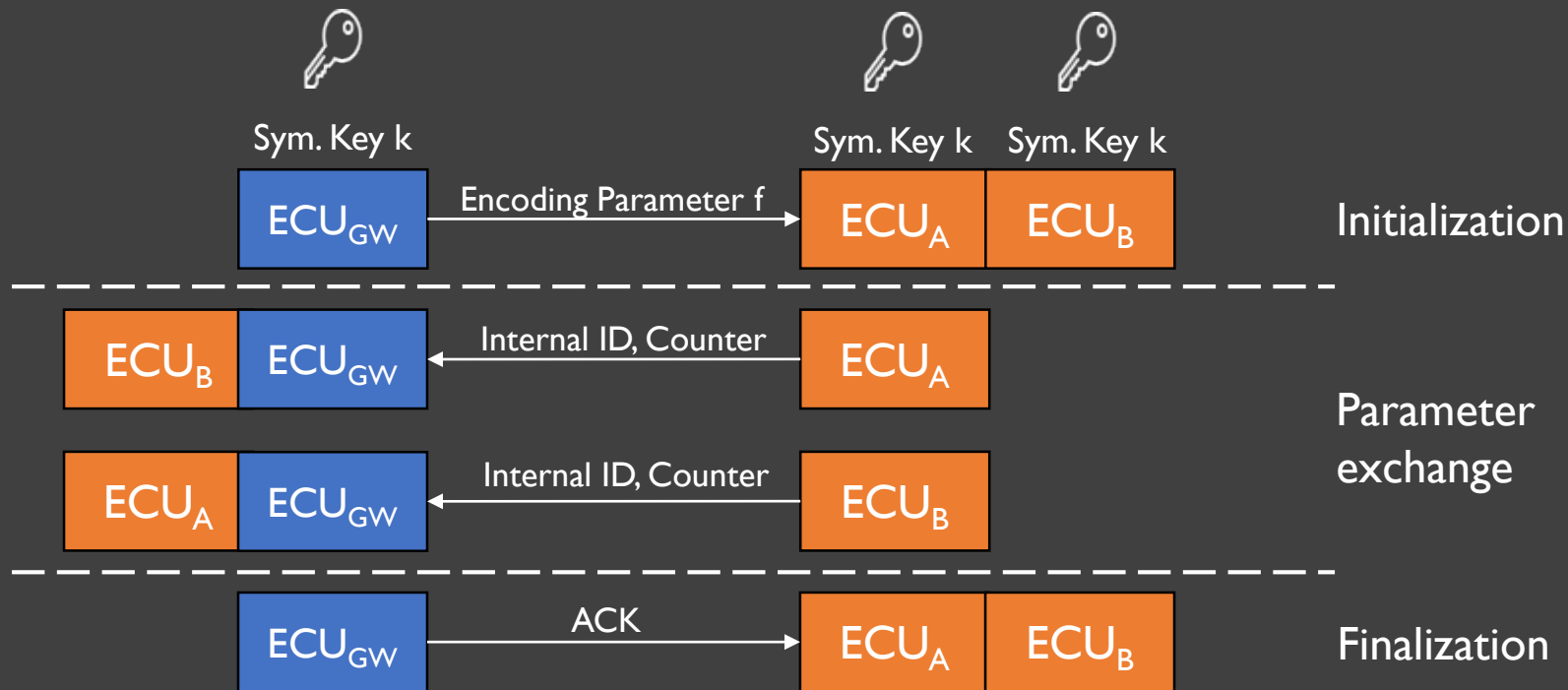
Circular Shift
Example: $f = (3, 2, 1, \dots)$



How to obtain these 4 parameters?

PERIODIC HANDSHAKES

S2-CAN Handshake



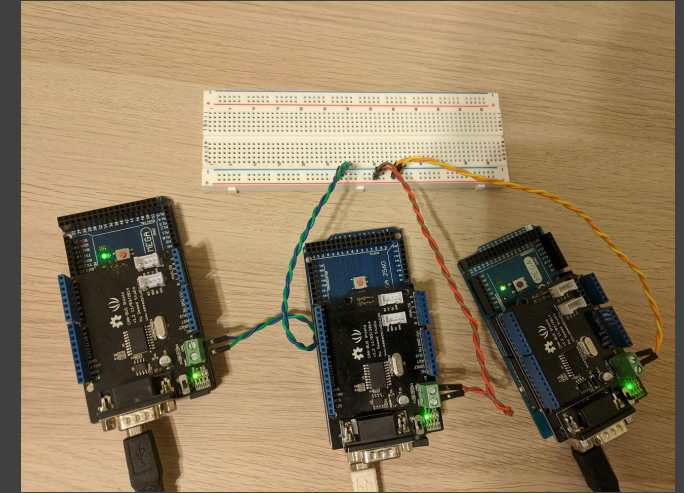
Security Requirements

All traffic encrypted with AES128 and authenticated with HMAC SHA256.

Handshake is periodic, needs to be repeated for every new session with session cycle T .

Experimental Setup

- Benchmark of latency and computational resources
 - 3x Arduino Mega 2560 with SeeedStudio CAN Shield



- Free Space and Security Analysis
 - Four different models of same OEM
 - Ground truth translation tables (“DBC files”) for Free Space analysis
 - Raw CAN Data collected with OpenXC, applied S2-CAN for security analysis



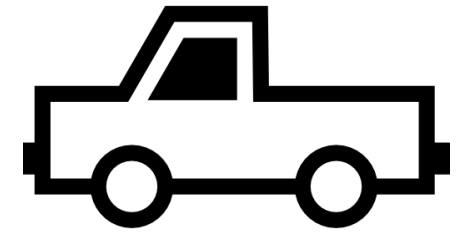
Vehicle A



Vehicle B

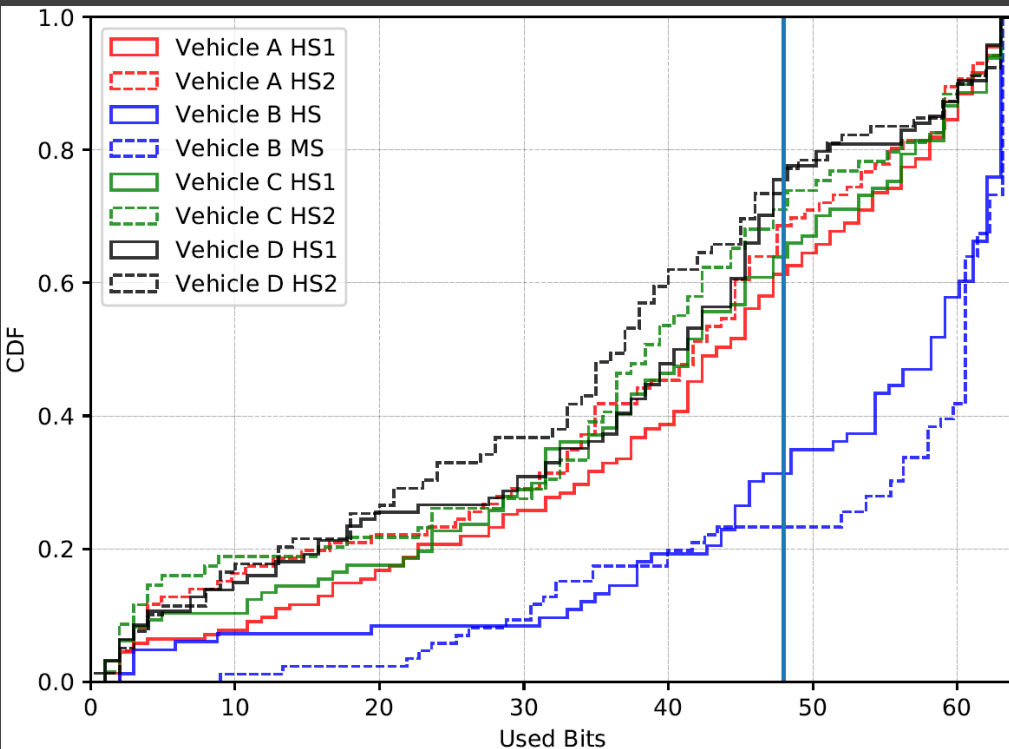


Vehicle C



Vehicle D

Evaluation: Free Space in CAN IDs



Vehicle	Bus	#CAN IDs	#Rebalan- cable IDs	#IDs with Free Space	Usable CAN IDs (%)
Vehicle A	HS1	102	31	63	92.2
	HS2	53	2	35	69.8
Vehicle B	HS	81	5	26	38.3
	MS	62	3	16	30.6
Vehicle C	HS1	57	7	38	78.9
	HS2	42	1	26	64.3
Vehicle D	HS1	58	7	43	86.2
	HS2	51	4	38	82.4

- 60-80% of all CAN IDs can be used by default
- Re-balancing further helps increase # of usable CAN IDs

Evaluation: Benchmark

Handshake Latency

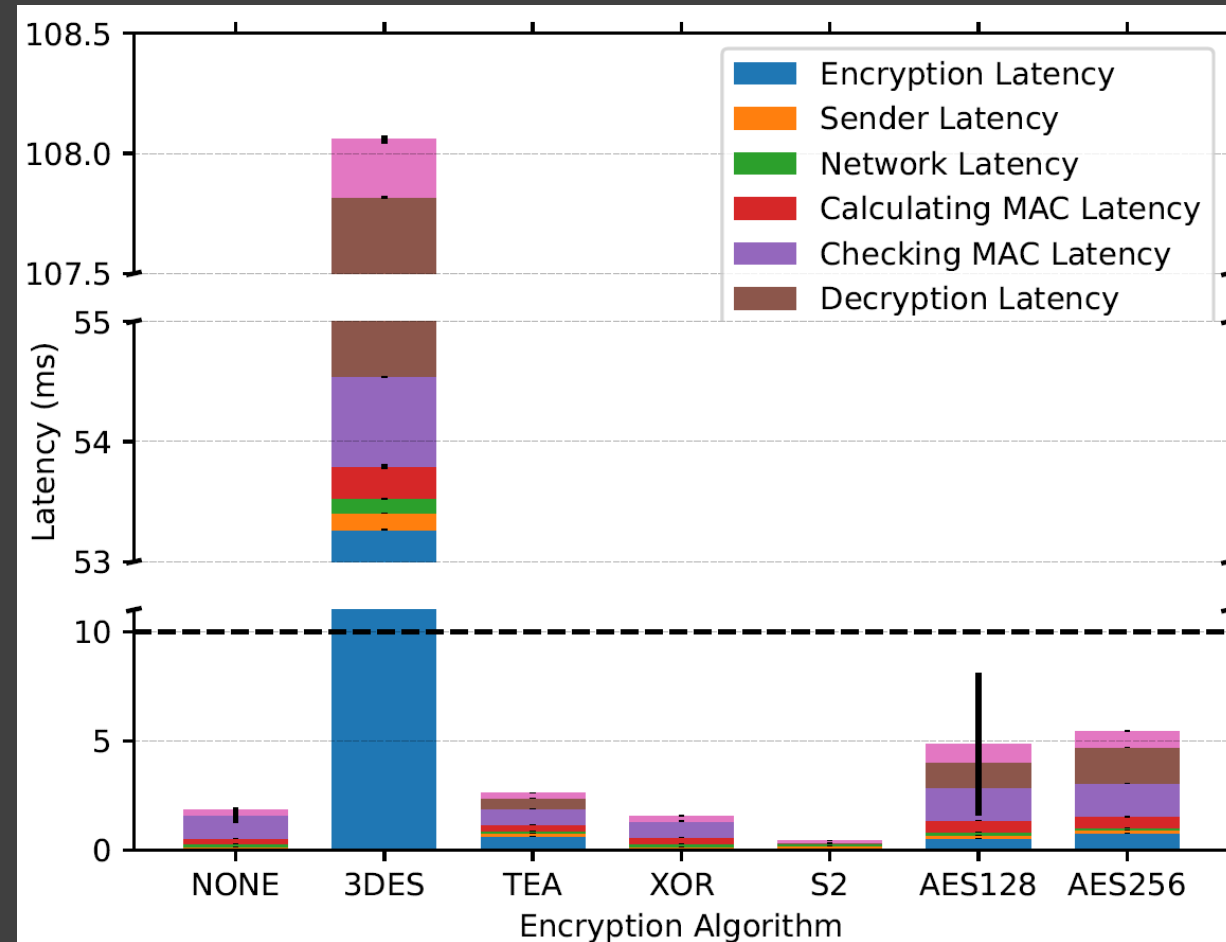
# Slave ECUs	2	5	10	25
Avg. Total Handshake Time (ms)	303	529	907	2037

- Handshake finishes in 2 seconds after starting the car
- New handshake overlaps with previous session, no “black-out”

Other Metrics

- CPU Overhead: 0.04%
- RAM Overhead: 0.8%
- Flash Memory Overhead: 1.3%

Operation Latency



- S2-CAN has overhead of 75 μ s
- 44x faster than next-best approach

Evaluation: Security Analysis

- Brute-force integrity parameters: $\sim 2^{49}$ combinations
- “Smart Attack” with LibreCAN+

1. Crack Encoding: 400 combinations
2. Authenticate Correctly: Determine counter position and internal ID

$$t_a = t_r + t_{st1} + t_{st2} + t_i \approx t_r + t_{st1} > T$$

S2-CAN secure if Session Cycle T smaller than total attack time!

t_{st1}	CAN (LibreCAN)	S2-CAN (LibreCAN+)
Veh. A	0:27	10:33
Veh. B	0:36	18:32
Veh. C	0:26	10:42
Veh. D	0:26	10:52

Trace Length (%)		5	10	25	50	75	100
Veh. A	STI	11/20	6/10	4/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
	ID	10/20	6/10	4/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
	cnt	11/20	6/10	4/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
Veh. B	STI	12/20	4/10	3/4	2/3	1/2	1/1
	ID	11/20	3/10	3/4	1/3	1/2	1/1
	cnt	12/20	4/10	3/4	2/3	1/2	1/1
Veh. C	STI	8/20	5/10	3/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
	ID	8/20	5/10	3/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
	cnt	8/20	5/10	3/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
Veh. D	STI	6/20	3/10	0/4	0/3	0/2	0/1
	ID	6/20	3/10	0/4	0/3	0/2	0/1
	cnt	6/20	3/10	0/4	0/3	0/2	0/1

$t_{r,min}$

$\frac{1}{4}$ of t_{st1}

$T_{max} \approx 18-20$ minutes

Conclusion

Secure and Feasible CAN Bus Possible by Security-Performance Tradeoff

Feasibility



First secure CAN approach to satisfy OEM requirements, guaranteed backward-compatible

Performance



Negligible resource overhead compared to regular CAN

Security



Secure with correct choice of session cycle

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