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Automotive Security – Quo Vadis?

*Current Situation and Future Directions of Automotive
Security*

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Introduction

- Quo vadis (('kwəʊ 'vɑːdɪs)
 - Latin: from the Vulgate version of John 16:5
 - Literal: „Where are you going?”
 - In a broader sense: ”what is going to happen next?”
- Outline
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Introduction

Comparing iPhone security and Tesla security



Apple iPhone 12

Bildquelle: www.apple.de



Tesla Model 3

Bildquelle: www.tesla.com

Definition

Scope of Automotive Security



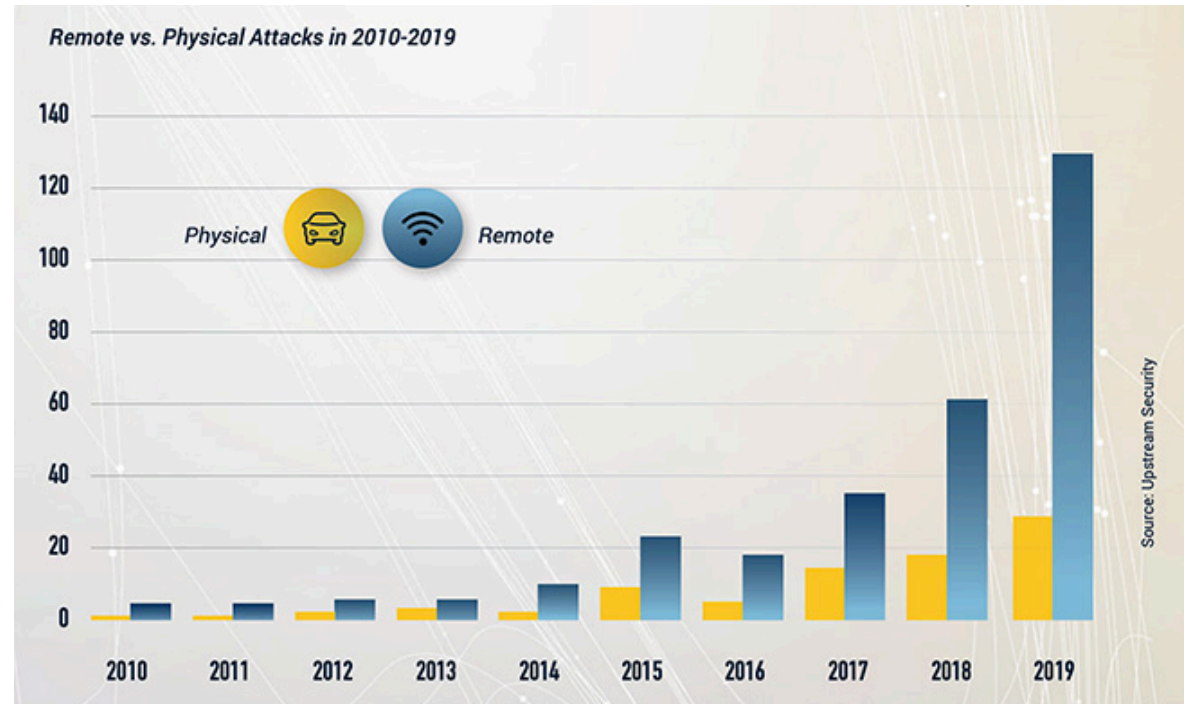
- **Automotive security refers to the security of vehicles as well as to the security of complex mobility systems that communicate with, supervise, or include vehicles.**
- **Complex mobility systems are systems of systems that facilitate the transportation of humans or goods.**

Current Situation

Automotive Cybersecurity Report 2020 by Upstream Security



- Number of attacks
 - 605% raise since 2016 (doubled from 2018 to 2019)
 - Numbers still very low
- Attack purpose
 - 57% of incidents in 2019 to disrupt business, steal property, or demand ransom
- Attack vectors
 - 30% keyless entry systems
 - 27% backend servers
 - 13% mobile apps
 - In 2019, 82% of attacks did not require physical access



Current Situation

Cybersecurity in Automotive Report by McKinsey



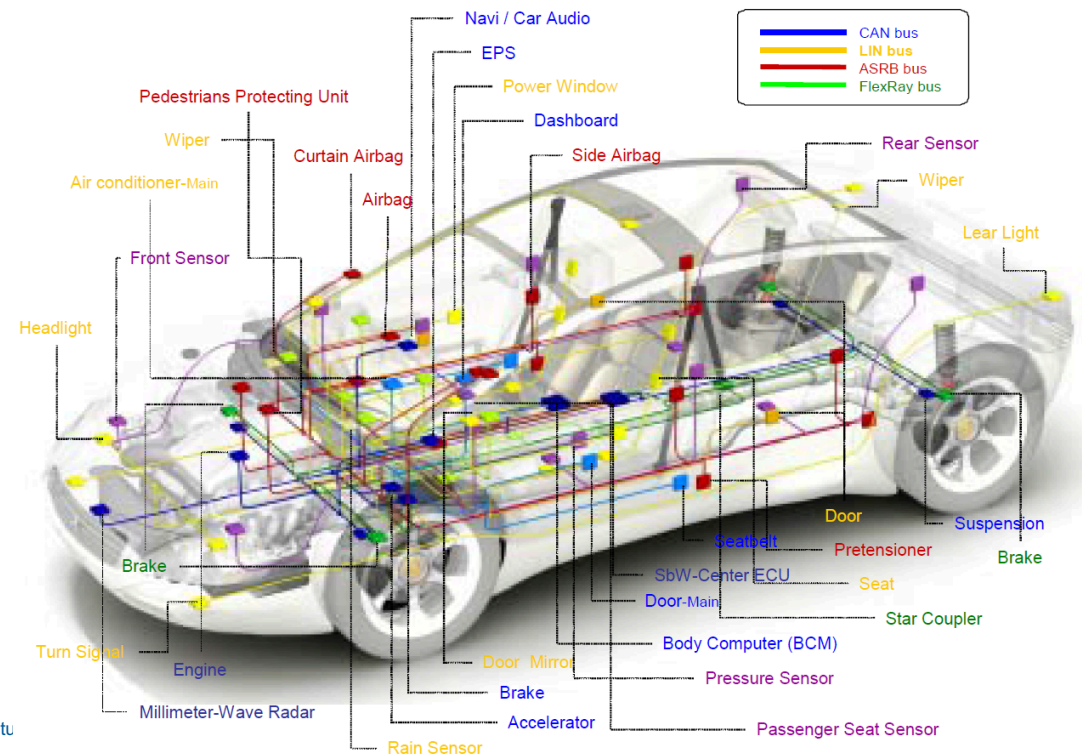
- **Report lists vulnerabilities throughout the complex mobility system**
- **In-vehicle vulnerabilities:** Demos of access to gain local and remote access to infotainment, telematics, and CAN bus (2018)
- **OEM back-end vulnerabilities:**
 - Malware infected the back end, making laptops installed in police cars unusable (2019)
 - Demo of unauthorized access to door control (2015)
- **Infrastructure**
 - EV home chargers controlled via hacked home WiFi (2018)

Current Situation

Complexity



- **Offence-Defence-Balance Theory: To be successful, defender needs to control all vulnerabilities, attackers need to exploit only one vulnerability**
- **Modern vehicles are complex systems:**
 - 150 ECUs
 - 100 Mio LOC, expected to be 300 Mio in 2030
 - Various interfaces
- **Low resources of many ECUs and their sheer number make key management and hardware support hard**



Current Situation

Emerging Standards and Regulation



- **Security not very well addressed by standards yet**

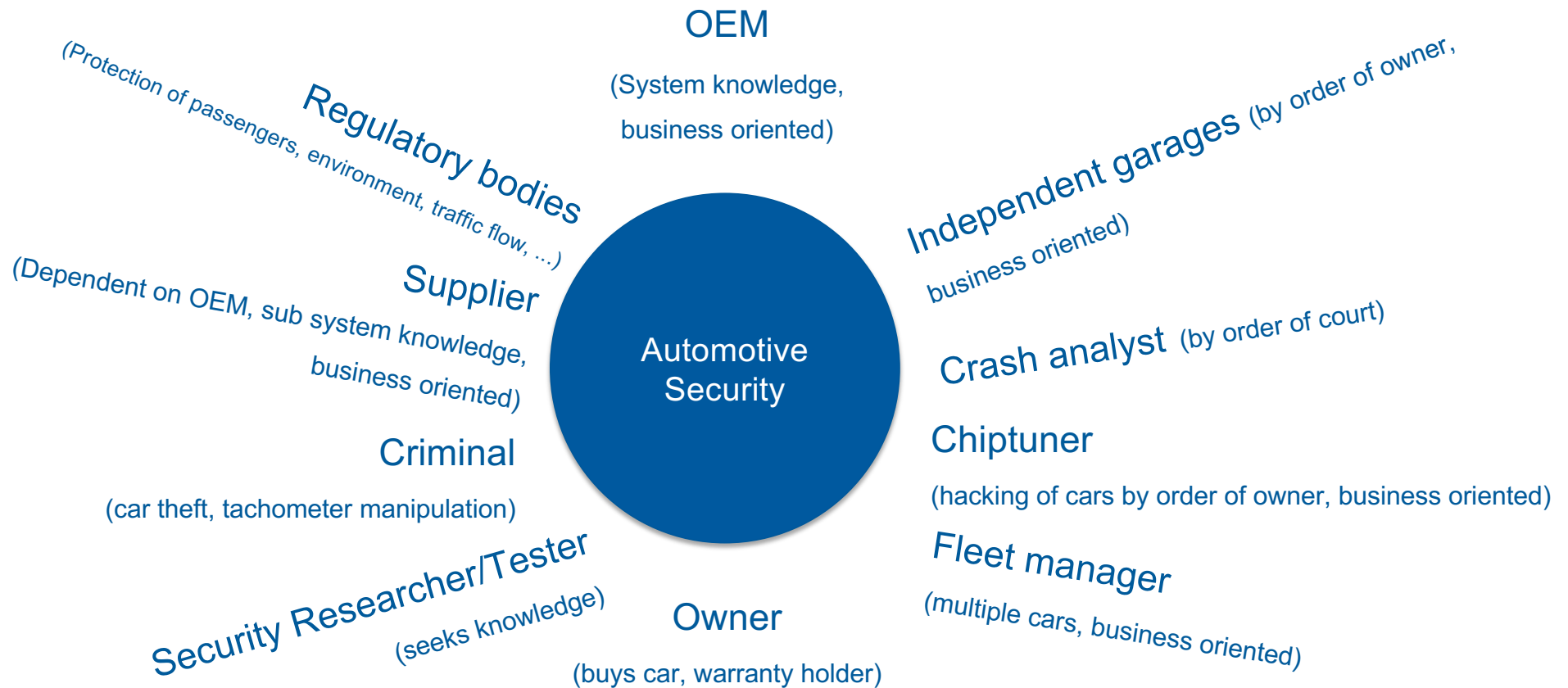
- **Latest standards (focus on security management)**
 - UNECE WP.29 (approved and published in June 2020)
 - ISO/SAE 21434 (to appear)

- **Gaps concerning technical standards**

- **McKinsey: „Unlike in other industries, cybersecurity has remained unregulated in the automotive industry beyond general IT regulations“**
 - Some countries/states lately addressed cybersecurity of cars (e.g., California)

Current Situation

Multiple Views on Automotive Security by Stakeholders



Current Situation

Black Box Software and Insufficient Security Testing



- **Several suppliers that developed software, central security management sometimes missing**
- **Testing of software necessary, still some blackbox software**
 - In 2018, 63% of OEMs and suppliers test less than half of hardware, software, and other technologies for vulnerabilities [1]
- **Security engineering at supplier may be unclear**
 - 30% of OEMs and suppliers do not have an established product cybersecurity program or team [1]

[1] SAE and Synopsys, „A Study of Automotive Industry Cybersecurity Practices“, 2018

Current Situation

Technology Shifts Affects Automotive Security



- **Electric Cars**
 - Charging infrastructure extends complex mobility system (new attack vectors available)
 - Additional safety critical system: battery management system

- **Software systems more and more unique selling point**
 - E.g., autonomous driving, assistance systems, ...
 - Increases amount of software in vehicles

- **Connected vehicles**
 - Software systems use Internet services or communicate with other vehicles

Current Situation

Safety and Security



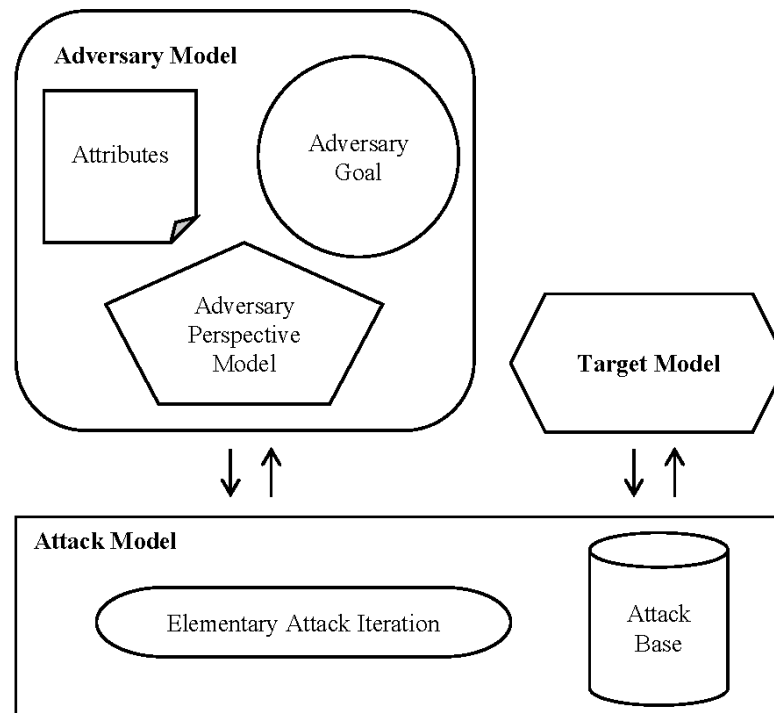
- **Safety engineering is an important aspect of modern automotive systems engineering**
 - Well-established standards and regulations
- **Security must respect safety aspects of a system**
 - Requires system-wide planning
 - Chance: design security engineering similar to safety engineering

Exemplary Project

Using Adversary and Attack Modelling to Improve Automotive Security



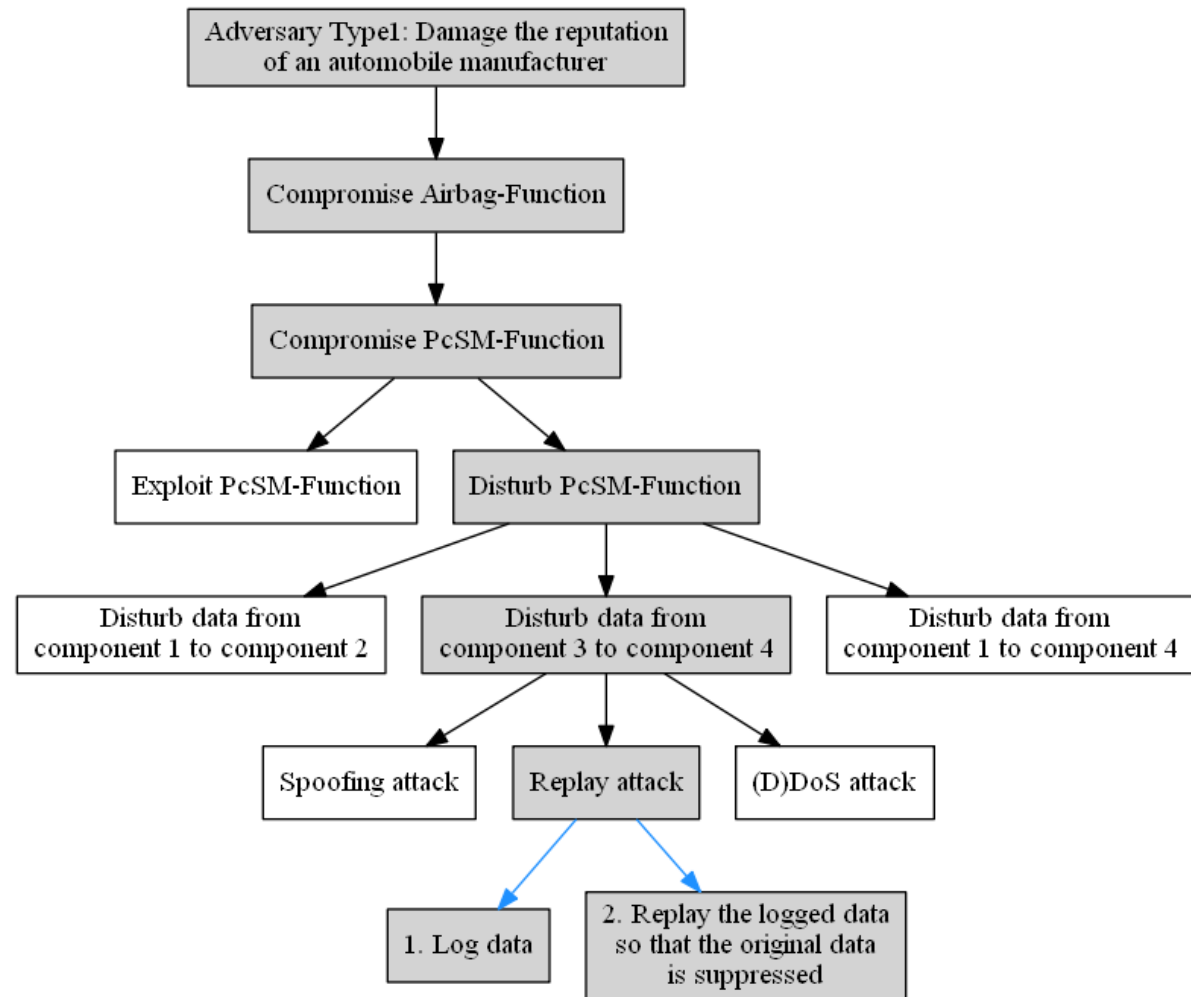
- See talk of Tina Volkersdorfer on **SECURWARE 2020**



Example

Model

- Uses diagram similar to fault tree used in safety engineering



Current Situation

Long Product Life



- **Vehicles tend to be long-living (>20 years) => Necessary to manage software for 20+ years**
- **Software update over the air still no default,**
- **Legacy system architecture does not support easy software updates**

Future Trends

Large Scale Attacks



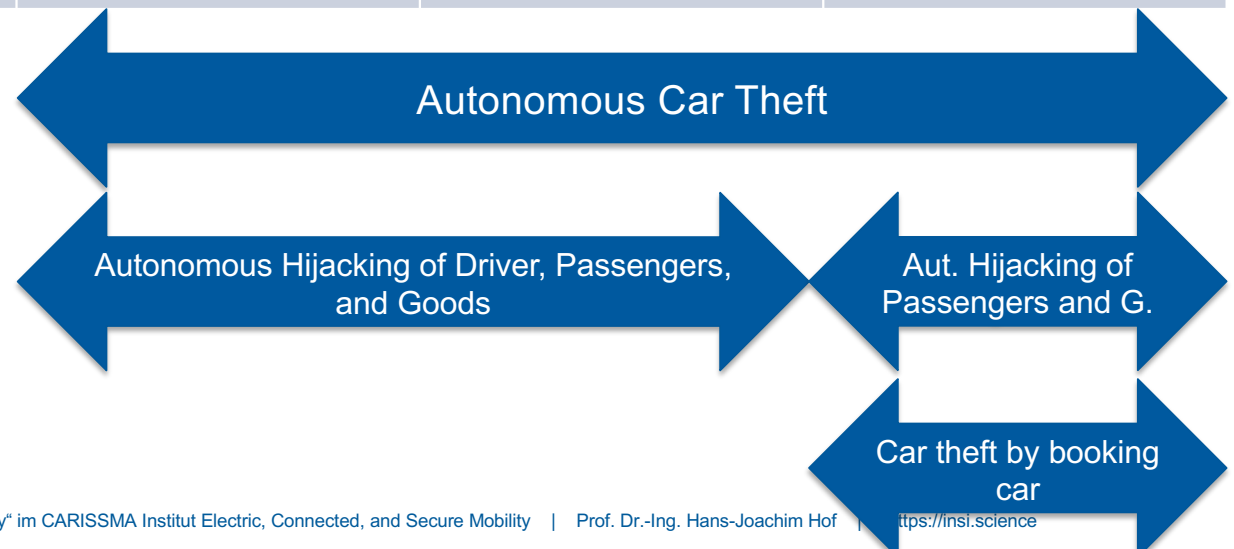
- **Heavy reuse of software in automotive domain, sometimes low security level**
- **Fleets often include only a limited number of vehicle types => one vulnerability affects many vehicles**
- **Highly-connected fleets could be subject to attacks (see [1])**
- **Vehicle Security Operation Centers will be necessary for early detection and mitigation of attacks**

[1] Tobias Madl, Jasmin Brückmann, Hans-Joachim Hof: „CAN Obfuscation by Randomization (CANORa)“, 2nd ACM Computer Science in Cars Symposium (CSCS 2018) – Future Challenges in Artificial Intelligence & Security for Autonomous Vehicles, Munich, Germany, September 2018



■ Levels of Vehicle Automation based on SAE J3016:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Drive-Assistance	Partial Automated	Conditional Automation	High Automation	Full Automation
„Feet-off“	„Hands-off“	„Eyes-off“	„Attention-off“	„Driverless“
Driver drives	Driver drives	Vehicle drives, human as backup	Vehicle drives	Vehicle drives



Future Trends

New System Architecture for Vehicles



- **Number of ECUs will be reduced, architecture will be less distributed and more centralized**
 - More complexity in software, less in hardware
 - Software security will become even more important (but security needs to be implemented on less devices)

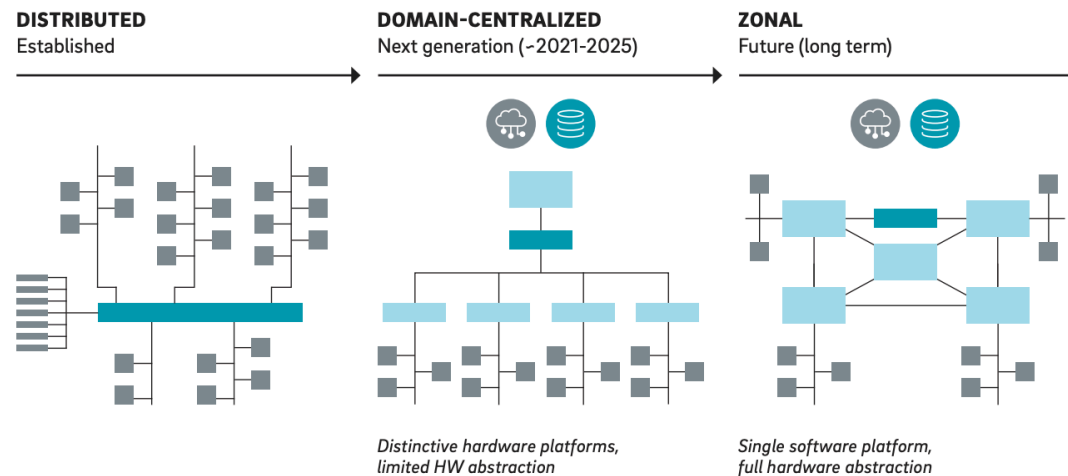


Image source: Roland Berger, „Computer on wheels / Disruption in automotive electronics and semiconductors“, 2020

Future Trends

New System Architecture for Vehicles



- **OEM will need to supply security platform**
 - Including identity management, authentication, key management, encryption, ...
 - Hardware support for security

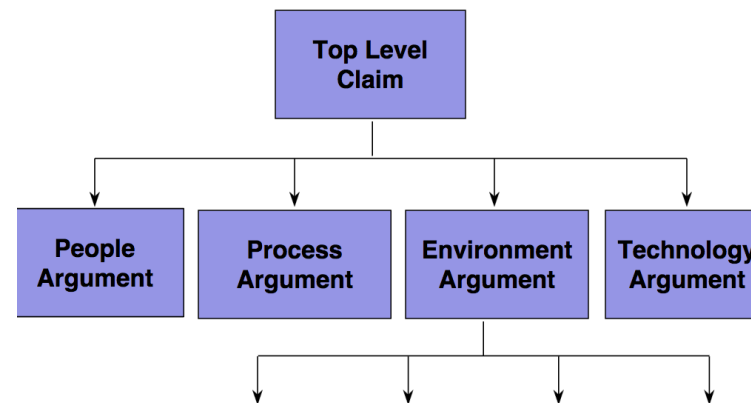
- **Software updates will be possible for most systems (finally)**

Future Trends

Regulation and Laws



- **Automotive security will likely be addressed by regulation in the near future**
- **In Europe, it is very likely that this will be driven by the EU**
- **Cybersecurity certification will be necessary for suppliers**



Future Trends

Holistic Approach to Automotive Security Engineering



- **Upcoming standards and regulations will require a holistic approach to automotive security**
- **There will be a security platform by the OEM that need to be used by suppliers**
- **As in IT, many security servies will be centralized**
 - Identity management
 - Single access point
 - ...
- **100% of software must be tested for vulnerabilities**

Future Trends

Software Testing



- **100% of automotive software must be tested for vulnerabilities**
- **More automation of testing is necessary – artificial intelligence may be of help**

Future Trends

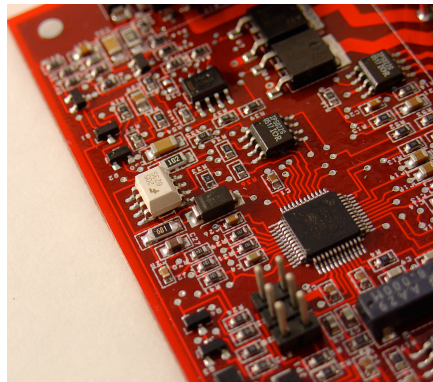
Artificial Intelligence for Hacking and Testing Automotive Systems



- **Not specific for automotive security**
- **However, tailored and planned systems may be more susceptible for this attack**
- **Research vision of my research group: Hackvisor = HACKbot + Security AdVISOR**
- **Hackbot: Autonomous detection of security vulnerabilities**
 - Autonomous creation of security tests using attacker modelling and attack modelling
 - Autonomous creation of security tests by NLP analysis of ECU specifications
 - Autonomous penetration testing
 - Autonomous manual review

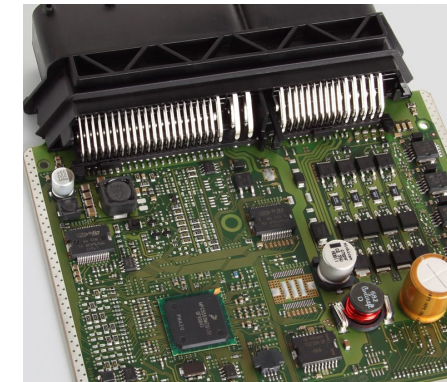
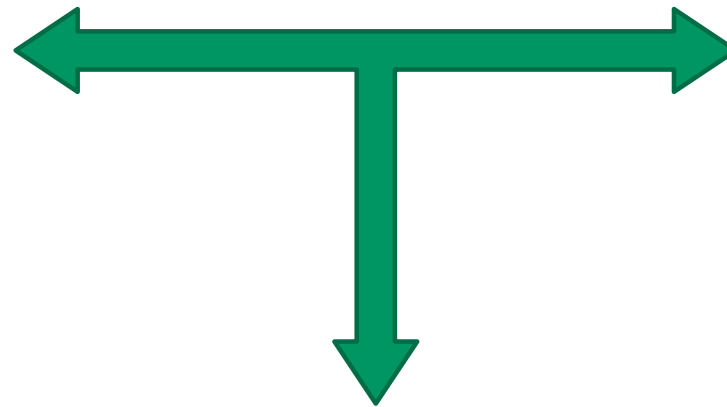
Autonomous Penetration Testing

Example



Engine Control Unit

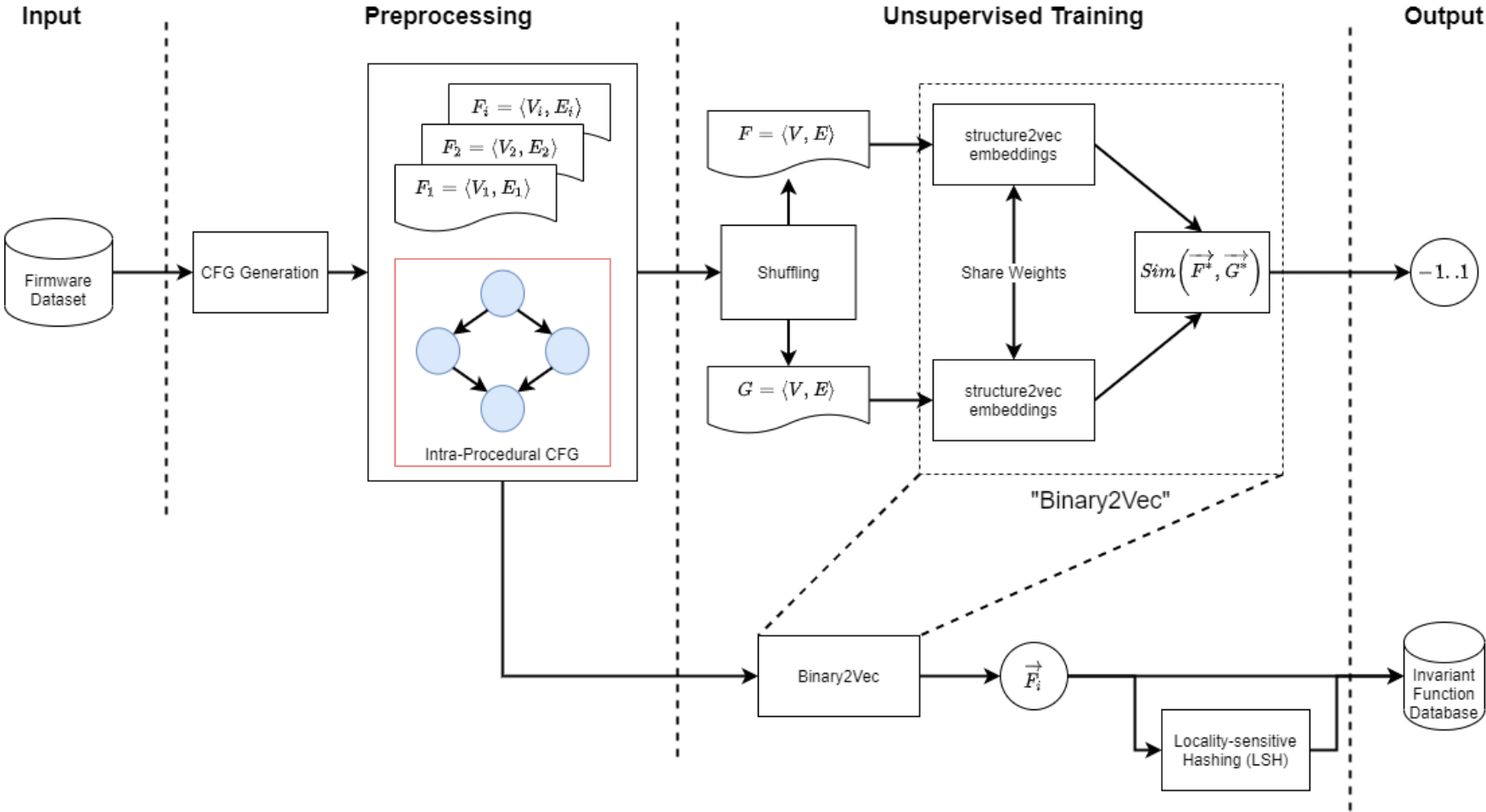
Binary Firmware Analysis



Gearbox ECU

- **Detection of reused software blocks in automotive firmware**
- **Many be used to identify off-the-shelf software libraries (e.g., OSEK RTOS/AUTOSAR) to find known vulnerabilities**

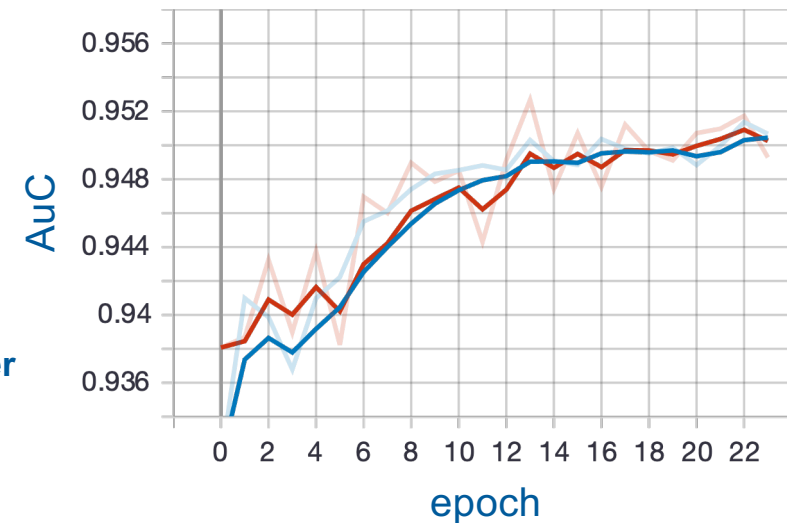
Preliminary Design



Preliminary results



- **Trained on OpenSSL Cryptography Library with different configurations**
 - ARM, MIPS, x86
 - gcc 4.9, gcc 5.4, gcc 7.0
 - -O0, -O1, -O2, -O3
- **0.95 AUC classification performance**
- **Control-Flow-Graph Embeddings preserve algorithm identity over different architectures**
- **Next steps:**
 - Run trained network on Automotive Firmware Dataset
 - Generate Embeddings Dataset for commonly used software components





- **Automotive security not yet fully addressed in modern vehicles, attacks on all parts of complex mobility systems exist**
- **Missing legislation and (technical) standards for security in automotive domain**
- **Importance of automotive security will rise in the next years**
 - New business models for attackers
 - Regulation will demand automotive security
 - New system architectures will shift complexity from hardware to software
- **Security testing will be crucial for success, especially testing software of 3rd parties**
- **Automotive security will adapt many standard approaches from IT in the future**

Thank you – get in contact with us

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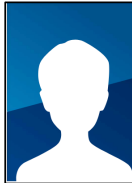
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