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## **Security for Connected, Automated Vehicles: Securing Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control**

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## Abstract

In his talk, Frank Karg introduces the broad set of challenges for securing automated, connected driving and illustrates how the SecForCARs project is addressing them. He focusses on the use-case of Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control and presents recent research that shows how CACC can effectively be attacked to even cause severe accidents, how misbehavior detection can help to identify such attacks, and what reaction strategies are available to then mitigate attack effects.







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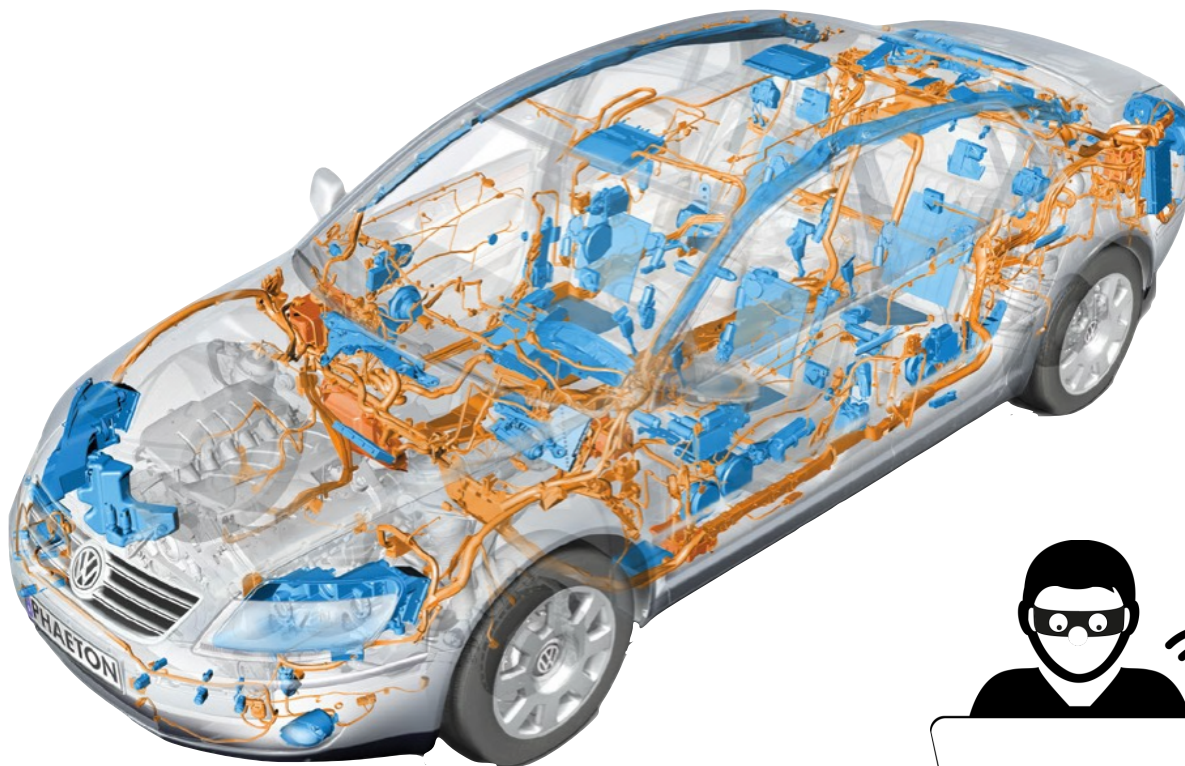
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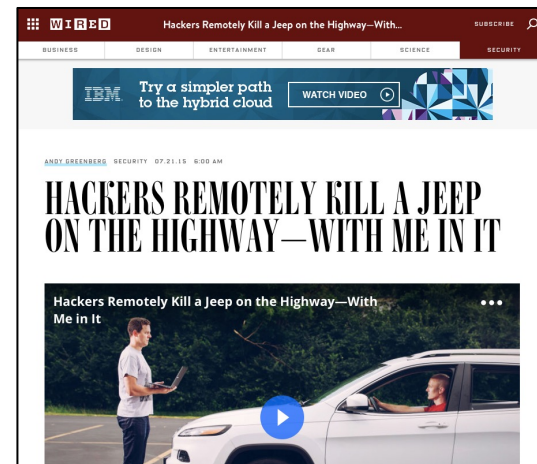


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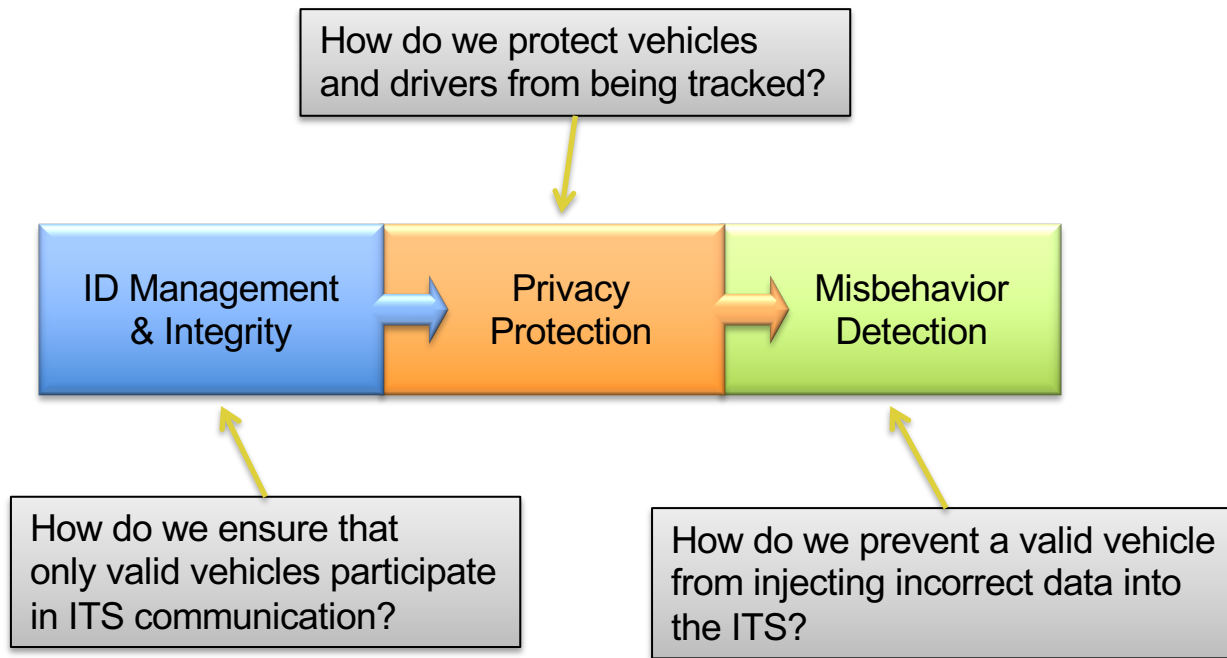
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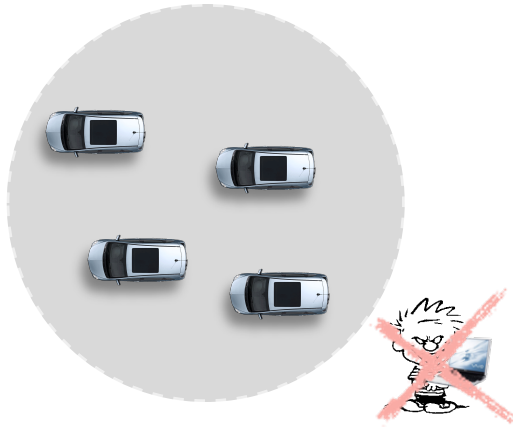
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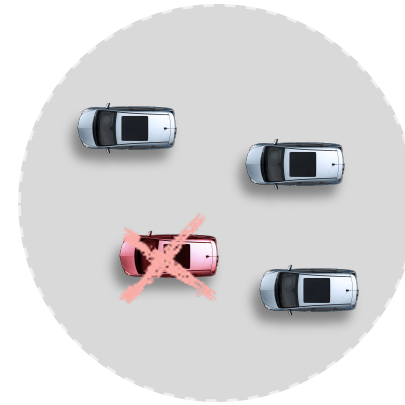


# Central Elements of ITS Security





External  
Attacker



Insider  
Attacker





# Misbehavior Detection

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## Survey on Misbehavior Detection in Cooperative Intelligent Transportation Systems

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**Abstract**—Cooperative intelligent transportation systems (cITS) are a promising technology to enhance driving safety and efficiency. Vehicles communicate wirelessly with other vehicles and infrastructure, thereby creating a highly dynamic and heterogeneously managed ad-hoc network. It is these network properties that make it a challenging task to protect integrity of the data and guarantee its correctness. A major component is the problem that traditional security mechanisms like public key infrastructure (PKI)-based asymmetric cryptography only exclude outsider attackers that do not possess key material. However, because attackers can be insiders within the network (i.e., possess valid key material), this approach cannot detect all possible attacks. In this survey, we present misbehavior detection mechanisms that can detect such insider attacks based on attacker behavior and information analysis. In contrast to well-known intrusion detection for classical IT systems, these misbehavior detection mechanisms analyze information semantics to detect attacks, which aligns better with highly application-tailored communication protocols foreseen for cITS. In our survey, we provide an extensive introduction to the cITS ecosystem and discuss shortcomings of PKI-based security. We derive and discuss a classification for misbehavior detection mechanisms, provide an in-depth overview of seminal papers on the topic, and highlight open issues and possible future research trends.

**Index Terms**—Vehicular ad hoc networks, intelligent vehicles, intrusion detection.

### I. INTRODUCTION

THROUGHOUT the field of computer science, securing systems against malicious attackers has become a fundamental requirement for safe, secure, and dependable operation of applications. Today, professional attacks against systems, which are mounted by large criminal organizations or even governments, are becoming increasingly common [1], [2]. At the same time, computer systems are increasingly intertwined with the real world, making them more appealing targets. The term cyber-physical systems (CPS) has been coined to

encompass systems that are characterized by a large deployment of networked devices equipped with both sensors and actuators [3]. They are distinguished from traditional embedded systems, where individual nodes interact with the real world in strongly constrained environments. In contrast, CPS are highly networked, deployed in large regions, and may contain nodes with heterogeneous computational power. The content transferred in these networks is highly predictable, relating directly to real-world phenomena [3], [4], a fact that enables novel techniques to detect attacks, collectively referred to as *misbehavior detection*. A prominent example of such a system is a cooperative intelligent transportation systems (cITS), which consists of vehicles, road-side units and back-end systems, and which is the main focus of this survey. Attack detection in general is an essential second layer of security for networks, especially for widely deployed networked systems in potentially hostile environments, where attackers may have physical access to a subset of the system. Furthermore, the impact of such attacks is much greater, as they can easily be tailored to cause real-world harm or loss of life. Therefore, misbehavior detection in both CPS and cITS is essential for the secure and thus safe operation of these systems.

Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems are networks designed to provide a variety of benefits [5], [6]. These include improved road-safety, greener driving through improved traffic management, support for partially autonomous vehicles, and infotainment services such as traffic information services. The characterizing communication paradigm of all these applications is that sensors are used to measure real world conditions, which are then communicated over a ubiquitous network. This network is built up by equipping each vehicle with a wireless interface, creating a dynamic ad-hoc network that can be accessed without further overhead, which is commonly referred to as a *vehicular ad-hoc network (VANET)*. The VANET can also include infrastructure components, referred to as road side unit (RSU), which are sparsely positioned along the road. The resulting network that includes sparse infrastructure is referred to as a *vehicular network*. Vehicles use the VANET to send and receive information, building a *world model* from received messages, which is used for the applications mentioned above. However, vehicles can also sense local information through a variety of sensors, especially with recent developments in partially autonomous driving. This information, communicated through vehicle-internal networks, is used for autonomous decision making by the vehicle, either in dedicated driving scenarios or with complete autonomy. These

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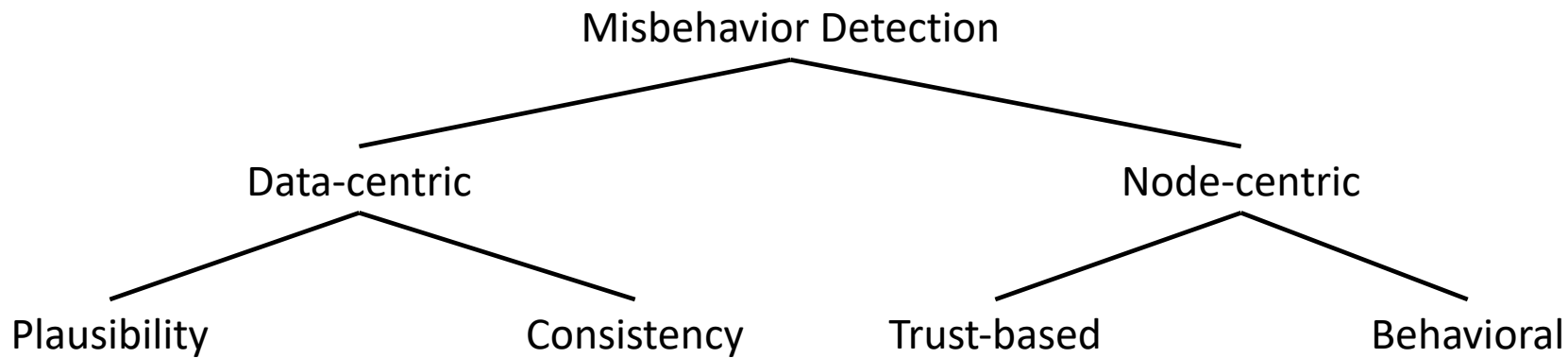
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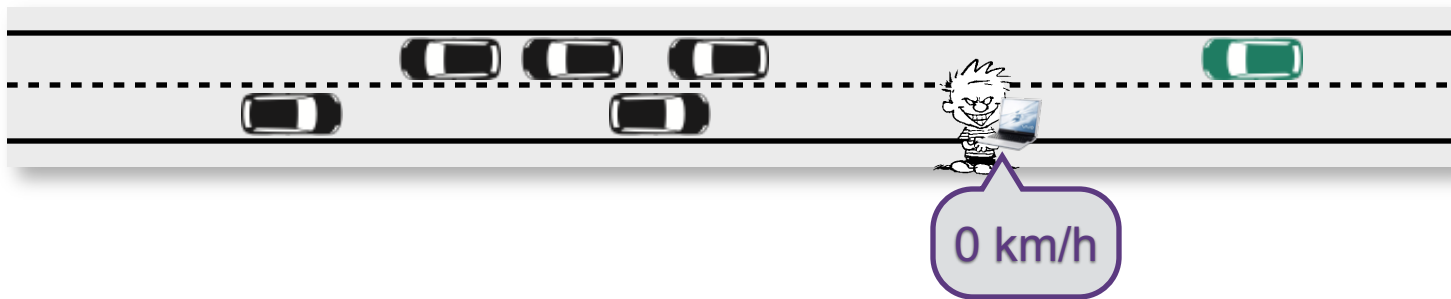
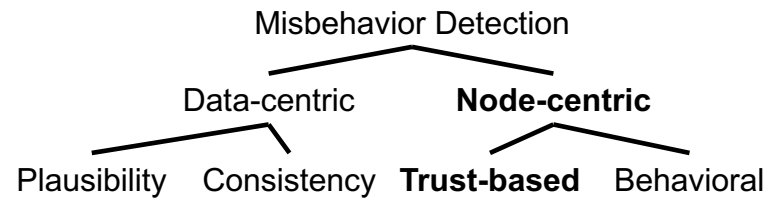
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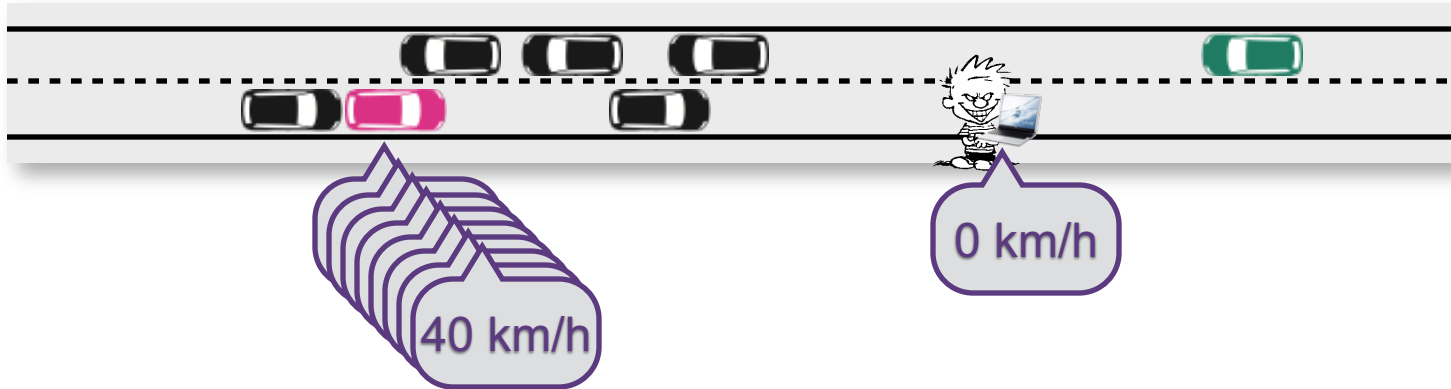
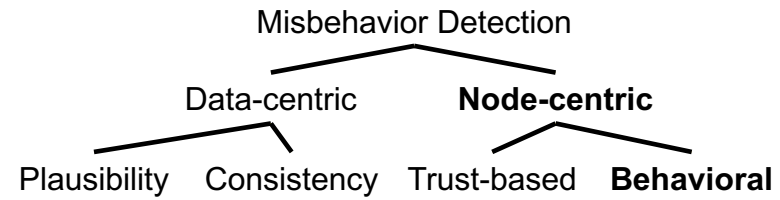
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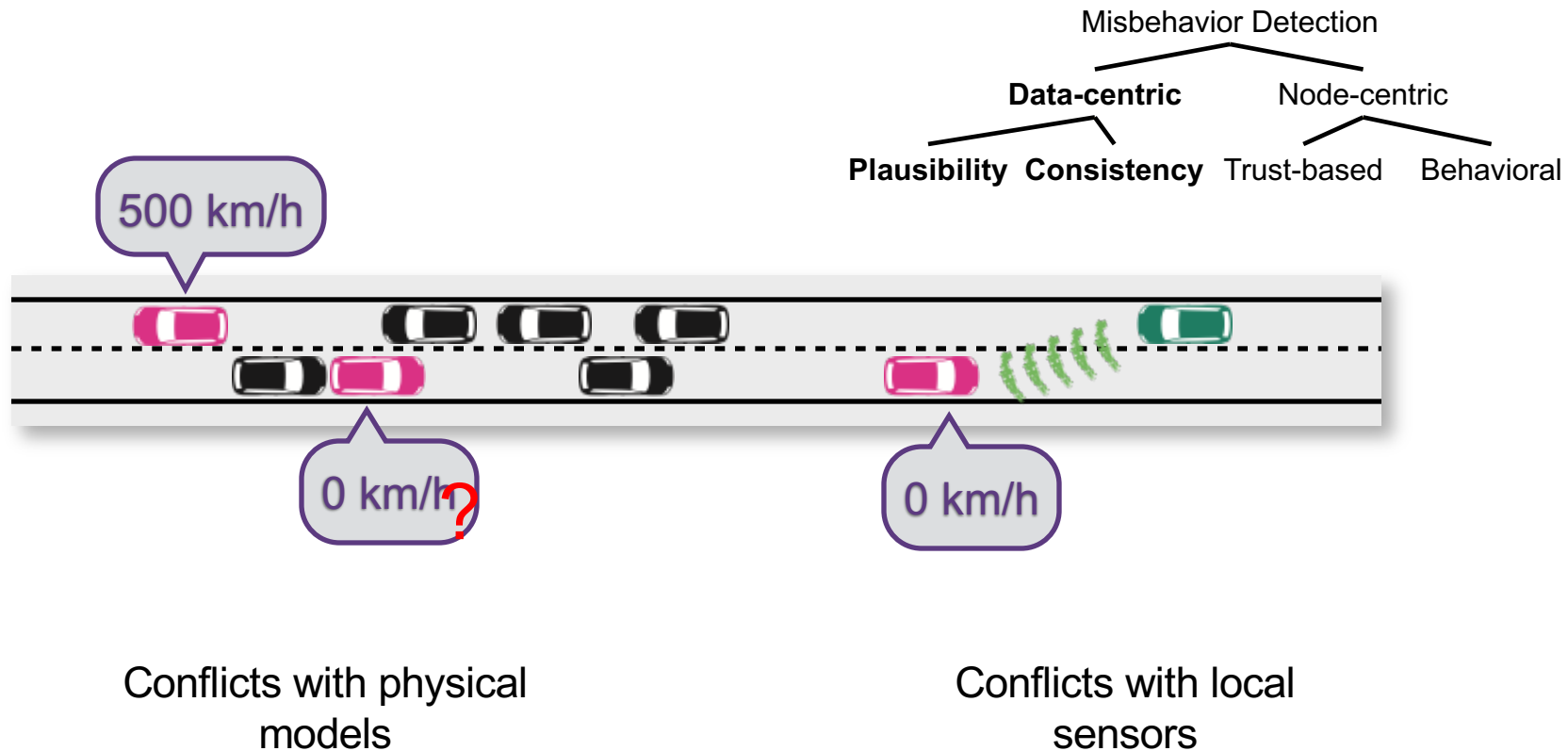
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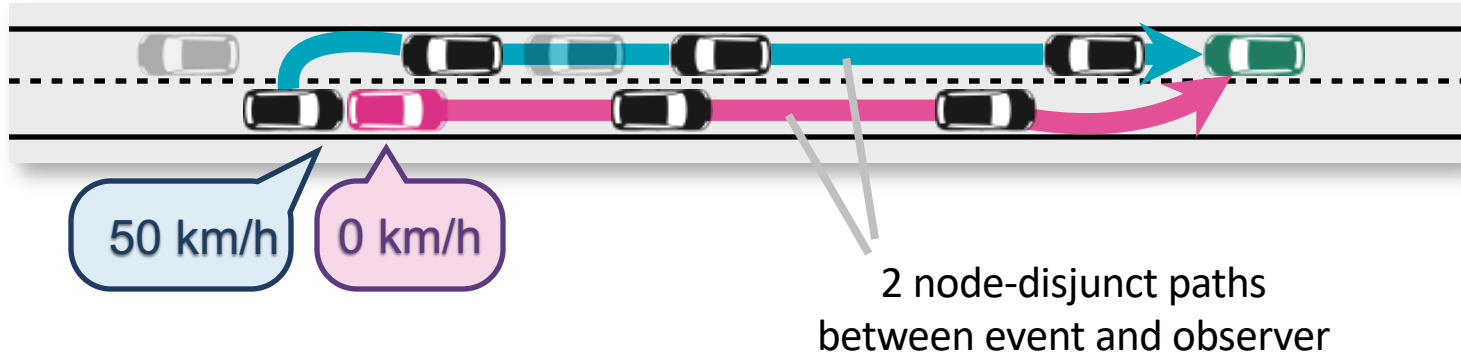
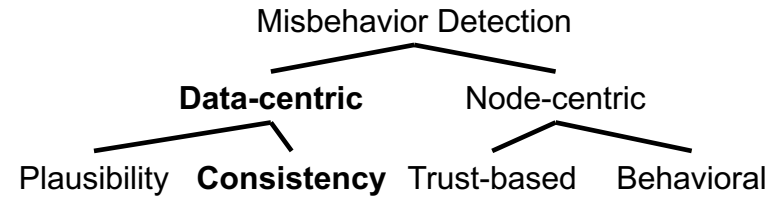




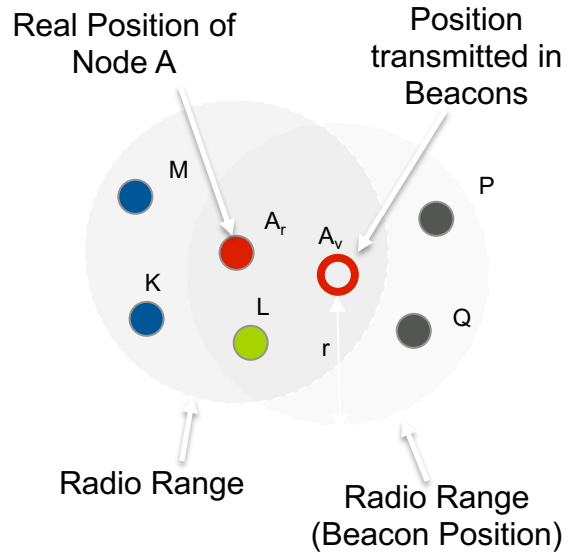
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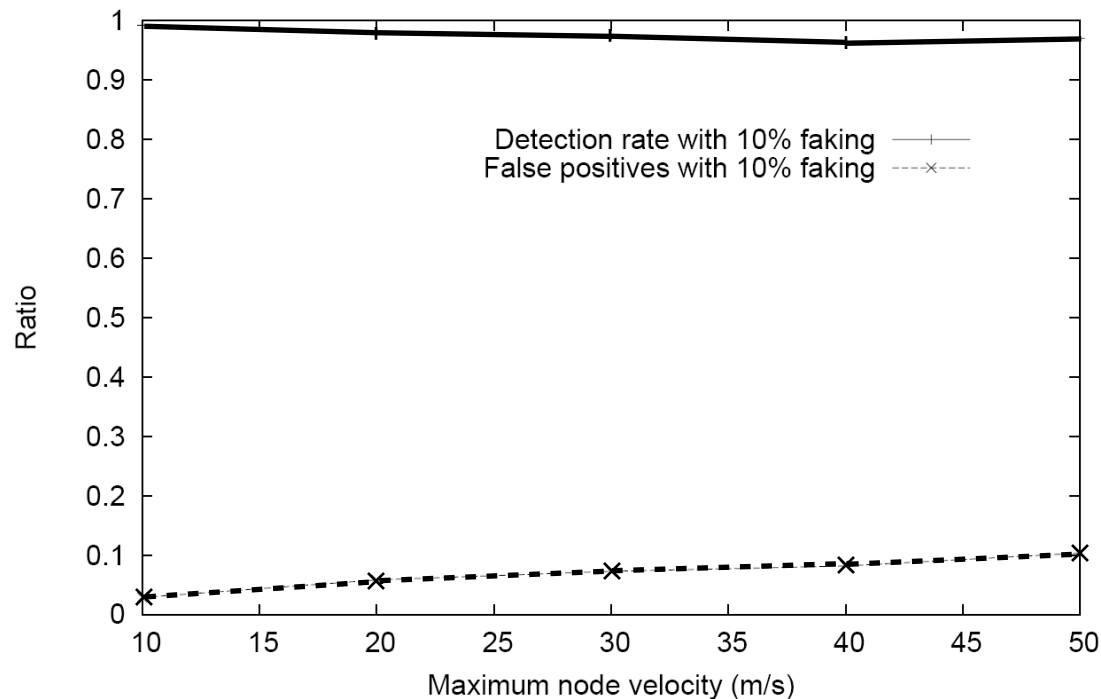


## Acceptance Range Threshold



M,K:  $\text{distance}([M|K], A_v) > \Delta_{\max} \rightarrow \text{ignore}$   
L:  $\text{distance}([M|K], A_v) > \Delta_{\max} \rightarrow \text{accept}$   
Q,P: no beacon received

## Detection rate ART & MGT

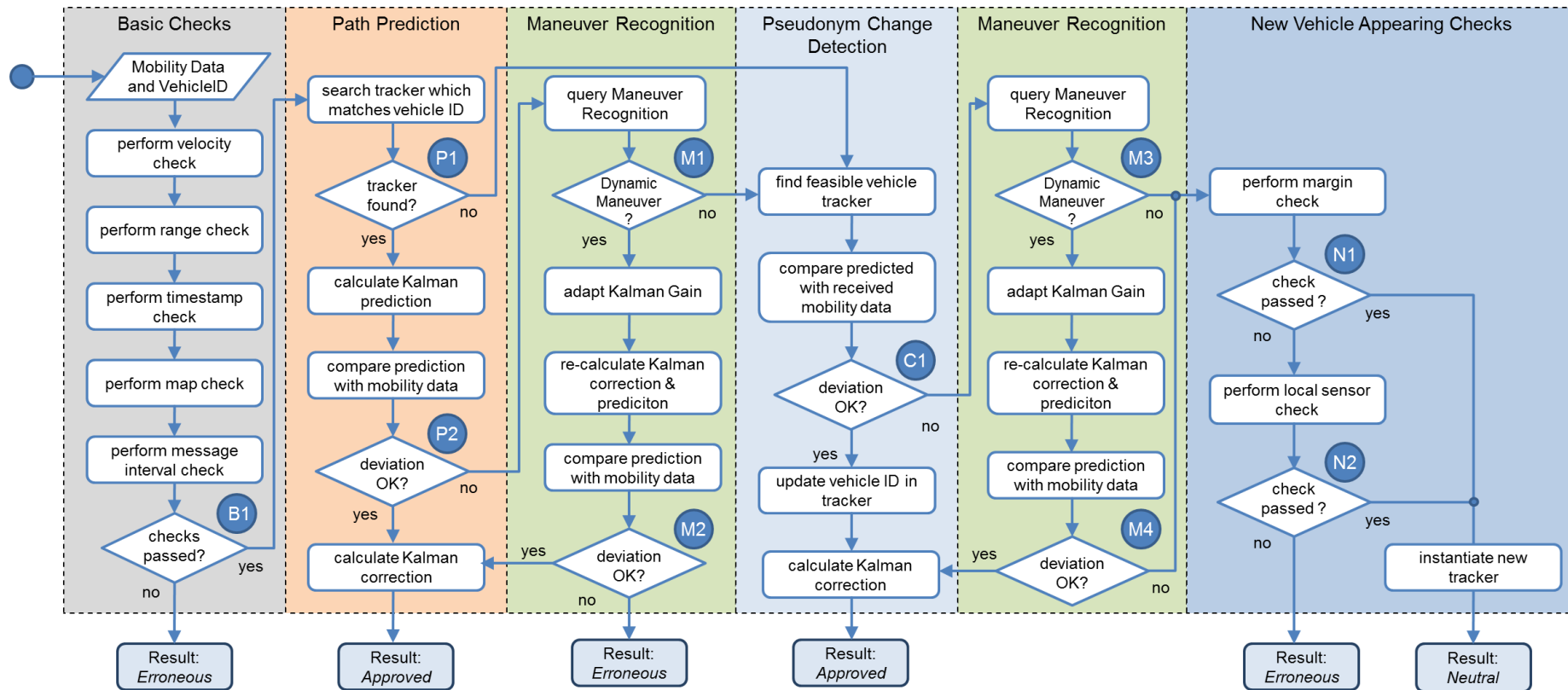


Detection rates larger than 96%

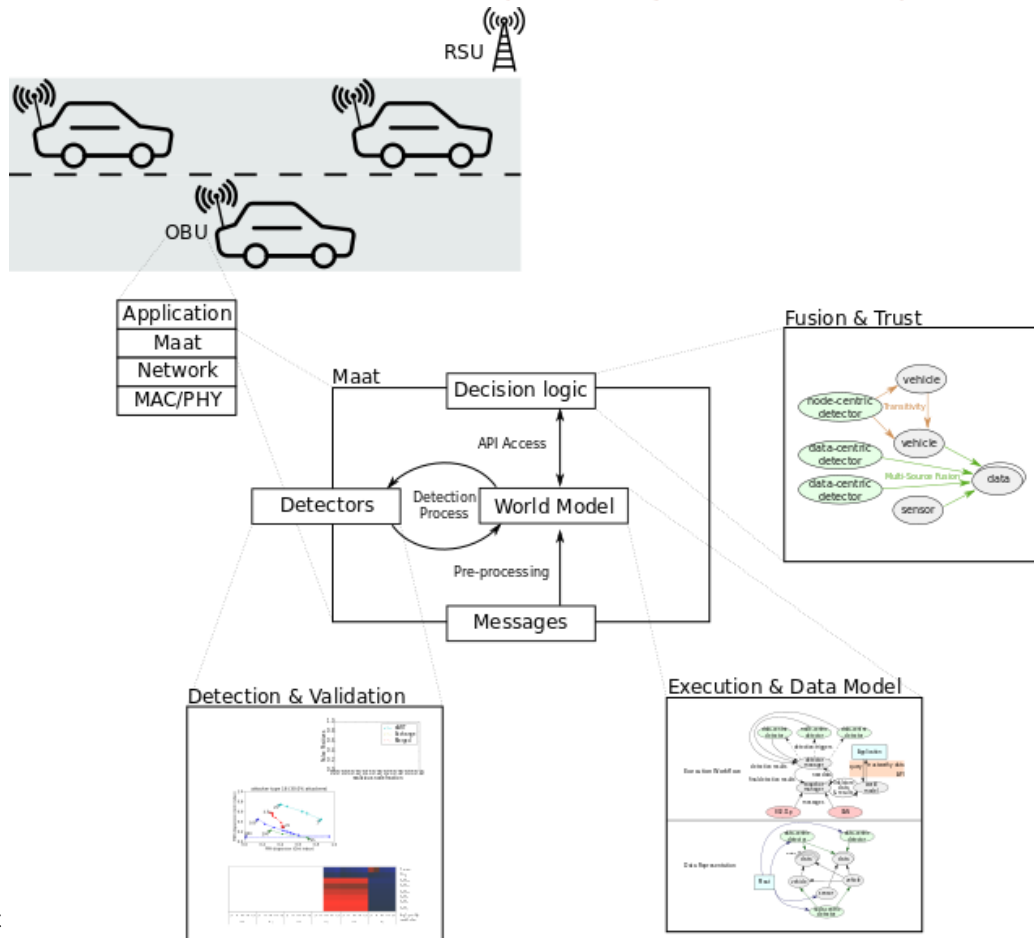
False positives between ~ 2% and 10%



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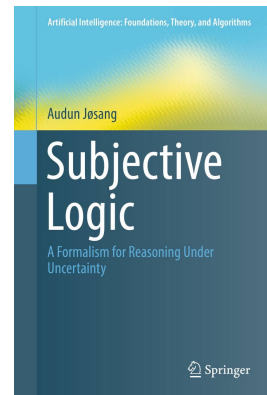


# Maat MBD Framework: Flexibly Integrate many Different Detectors



# Subjective Logic Introduction

- Opinions:  
belief function  $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x})$ , uncertainty value  $\mathbf{u}$ , base rate  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$ 
  - Representation of evidence for value  $\mathbf{x}$
  - Represent **uncertainty** in decisions or trust
  - Separate a-priori (base rate) knowledge from belief
- Bijective relationship to Dirichlet/Beta distribution parameters
  - Simplification: binary domains (e.g., True/False)
- Fusion operators
  - BCF: Belief Constraint Fusion (equivalent to Dempster's Rule)
  - CBF: Cumulative Belief Fusion ("sum the evidence")
  - ABF: Averaging Belief Fusion ("average the evidence")
  - WBF: Weighted Belief Fusion ("confidence-weighted average")
  - CCF: Consensus & Compromise Fusion ("conflict --> vagueness")



## Subjective Logic: Binary Domains

- Opinions over variable **X** with domain **D** have a belief function **b** and a base rate function **a** that map values of **D** to a value  $[0,1]$ , and an uncertainty **u** from  $[0,1]$ .
- For any opinion,  $\mathbf{u} + \sum \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  when summing over **D**.
- The simplest domain contains **x** and the **inverse of x**; opinions over this domain are sometimes represented as a quadruplet **(b, d, u, a)**, where all four elements are values from  $[0,1]$  and  $b + d + u = 1$ .
- To compute the associated probability for a value **x**, one can project the opinion, resulting in:  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}=\neg \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{u} (1 - \mathbf{a})$ .

# Subjective Logic Intuition for Binary Domains

(**b**elief,**d**isbelief,**u**ncertainty,**b**aserate)

$$A \xrightarrow{o} x$$

A: opinion holder

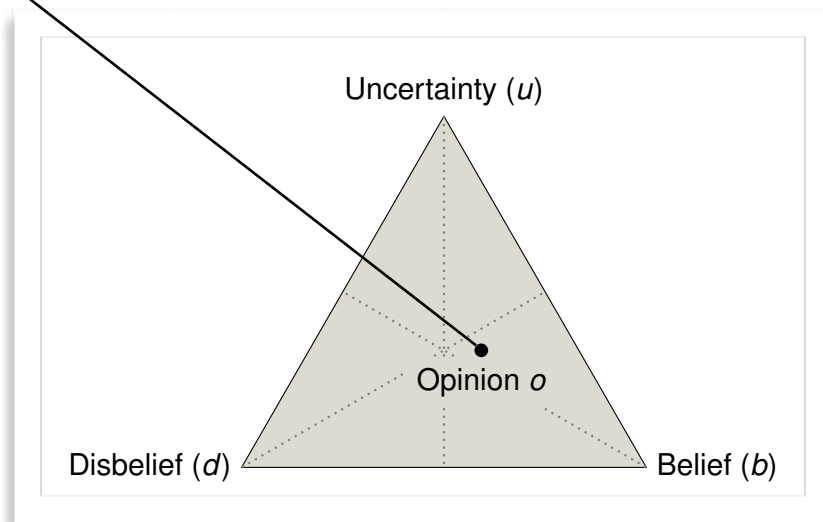
x: proposition / data value

o: opinion

$$b+d+u=1$$

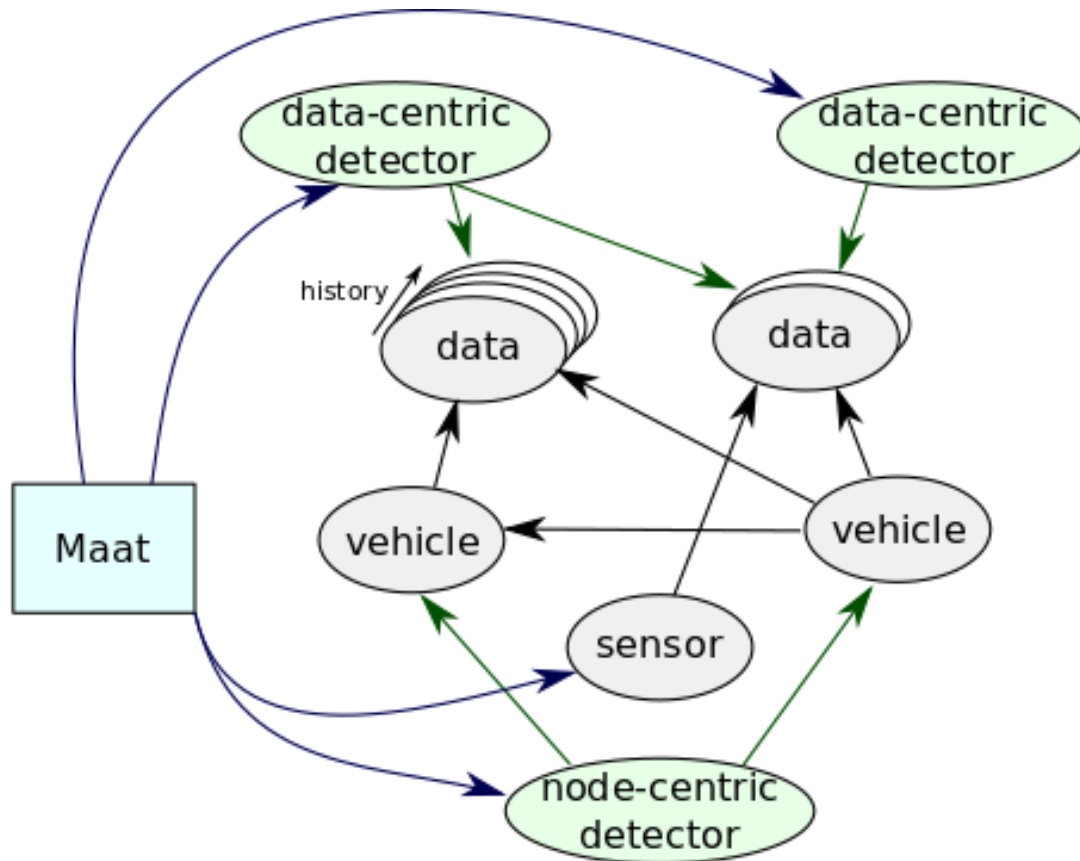
Example:

$$o = (1,0,0,a) \triangleq \text{Boolean True}$$

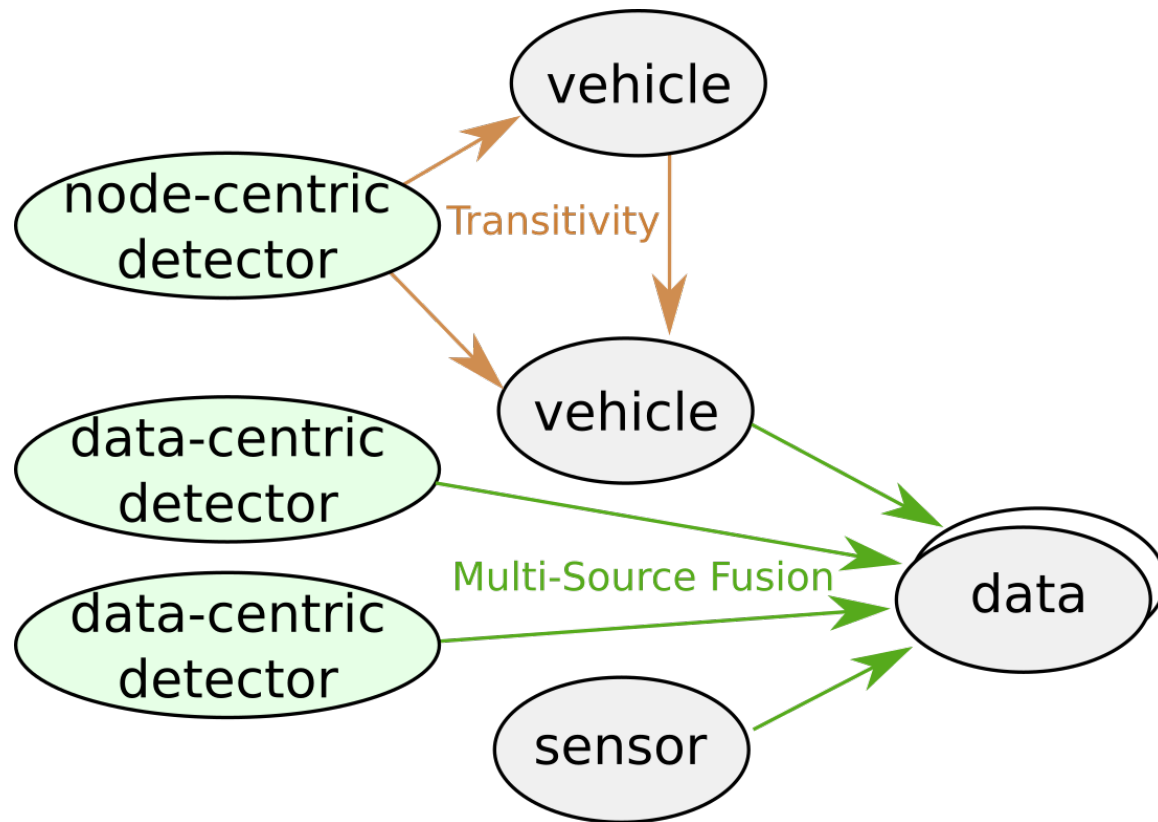




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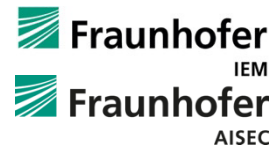
## Maat: Fusion & Trust







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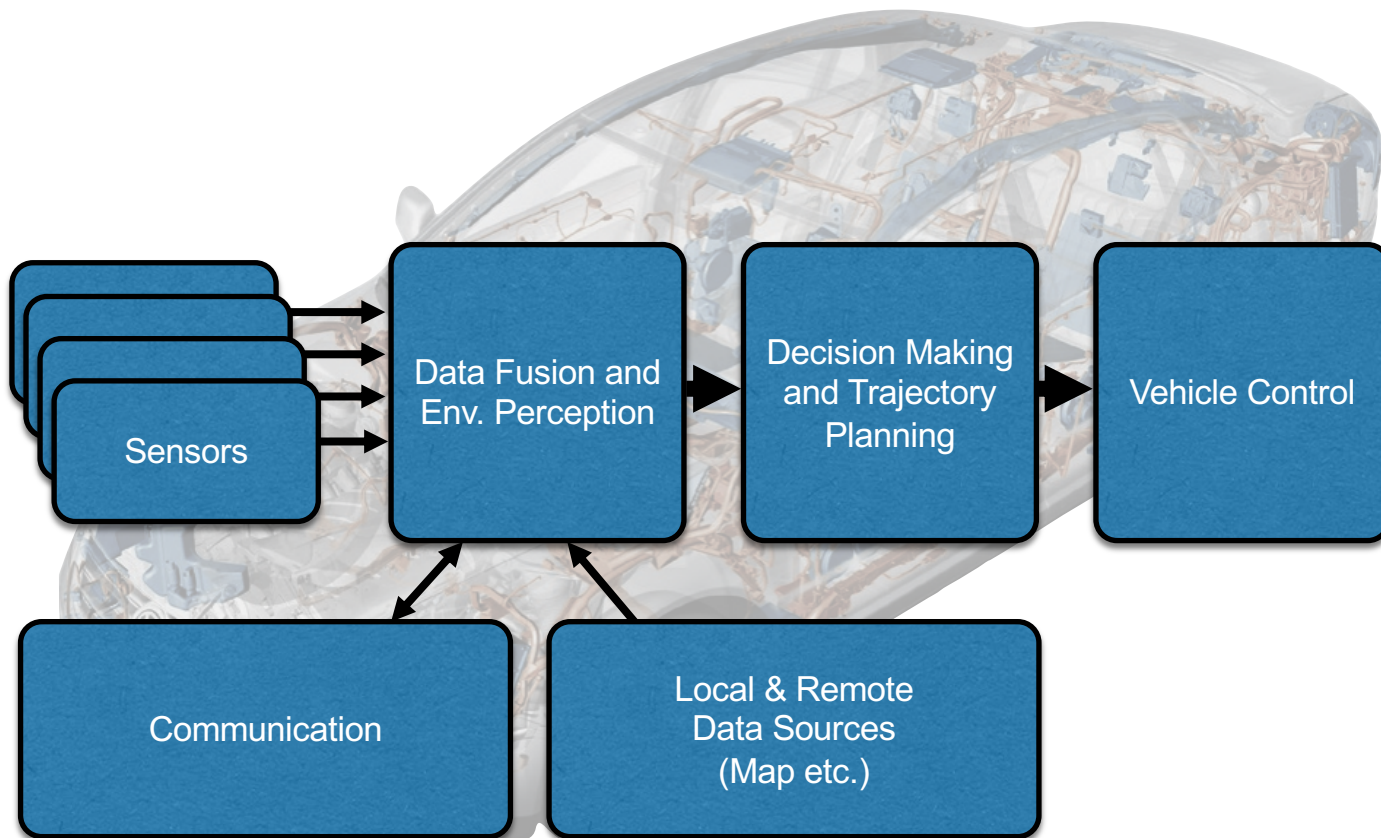
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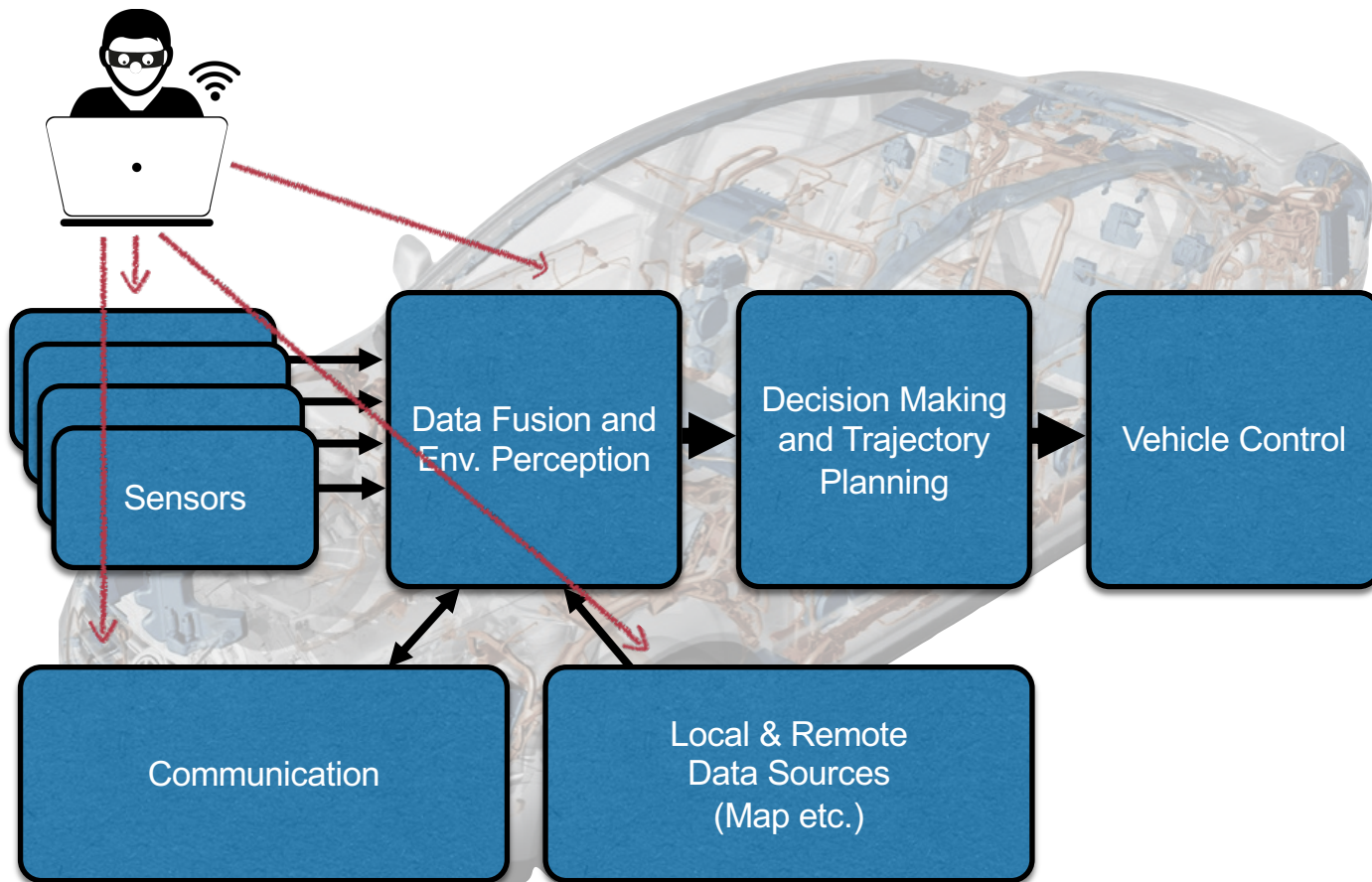


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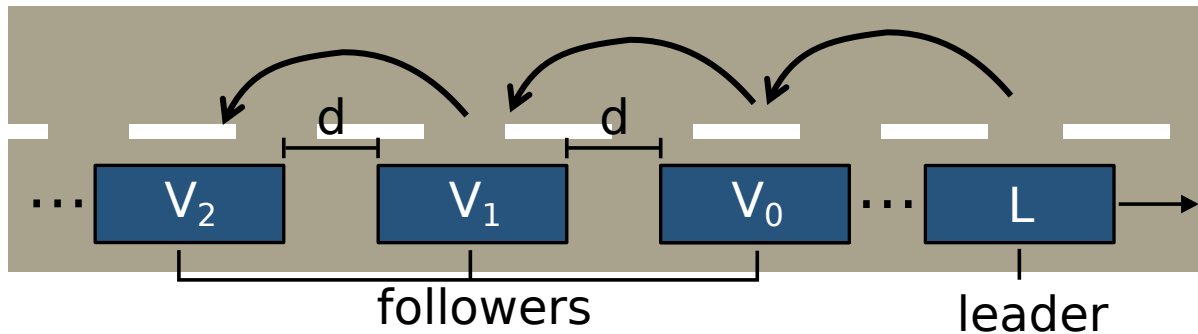








# Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control (CACC)



## Analyzing Attacks on Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control (CACC)

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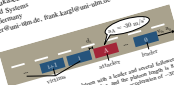


Fig. 1. This figure shows vehicles with a leader and several followers in a platoon. The leader vehicle is the one in the front. The distance between the leader and the first follower is denoted as  $d$ . The distance between the first and second follower is denoted as  $d$ .

The IEEE 1500-2 standard defines how to control a platoon of vehicles. It specifies the communication protocol and the control logic. The standard is based on the IEEE 1500-1 standard, which defines the communication protocol.

In this paper, we study cooperative adaptive cruise control (CACC) as an application of Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication. CACC is a system that allows vehicles to communicate with each other and adjust their speed and position accordingly. This is done by exchanging information about their position, speed, and acceleration. The goal of CACC is to improve traffic flow and reduce the risk of collisions.

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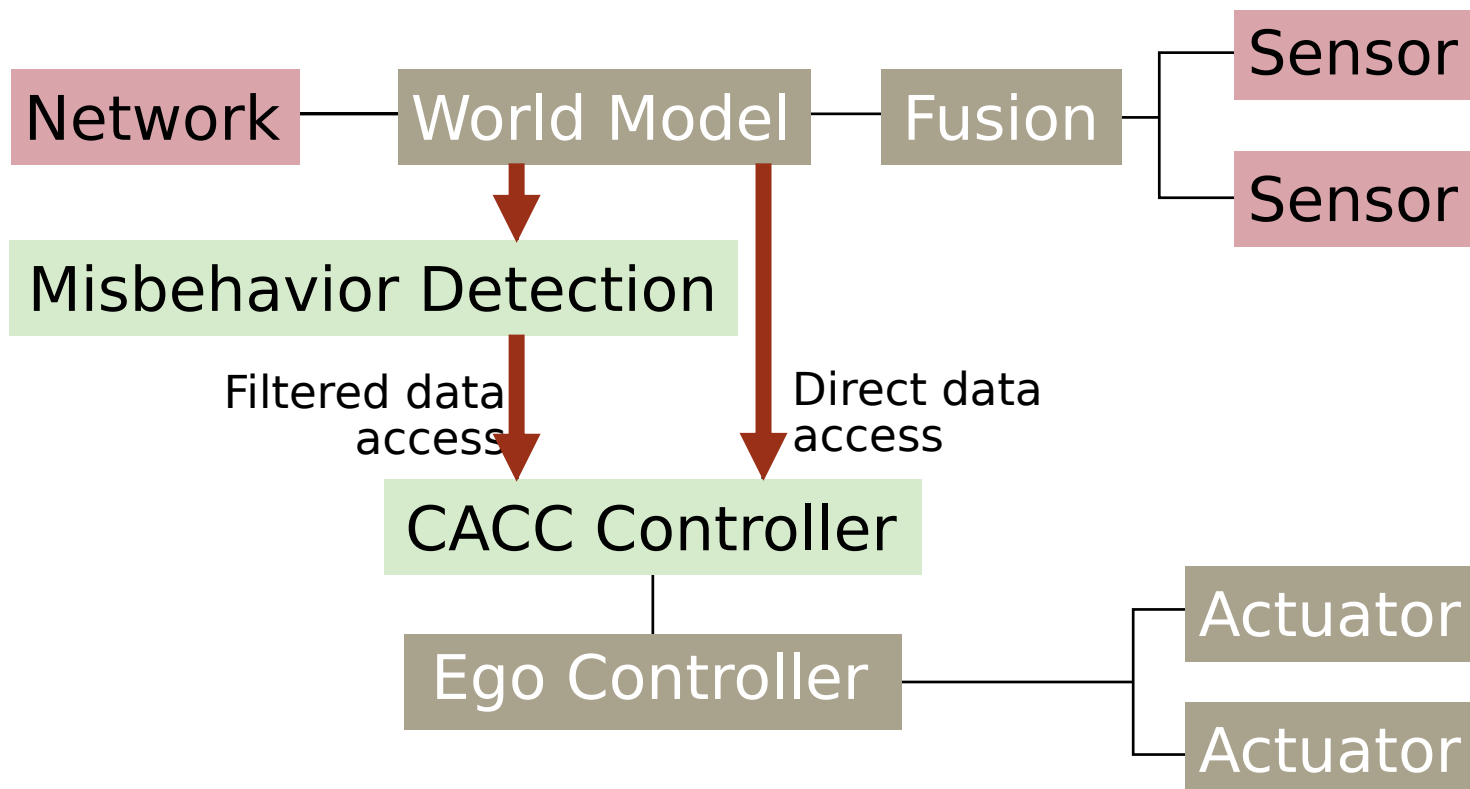
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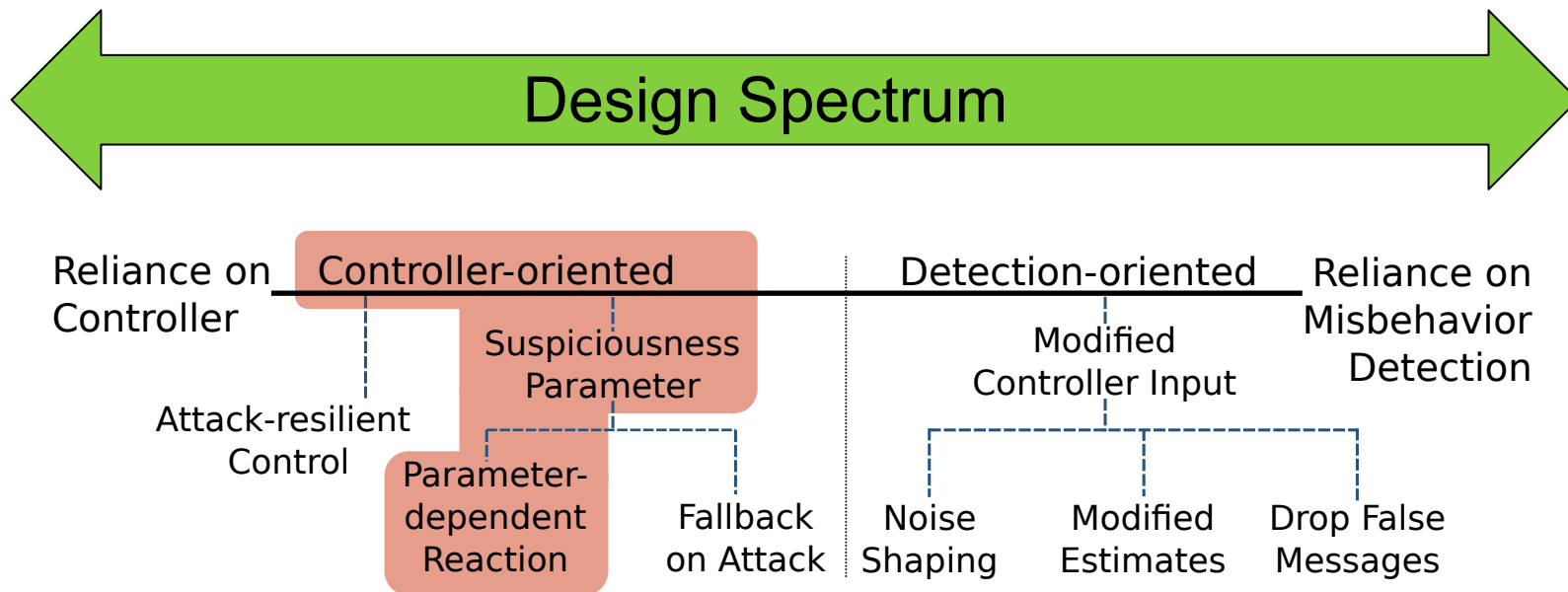
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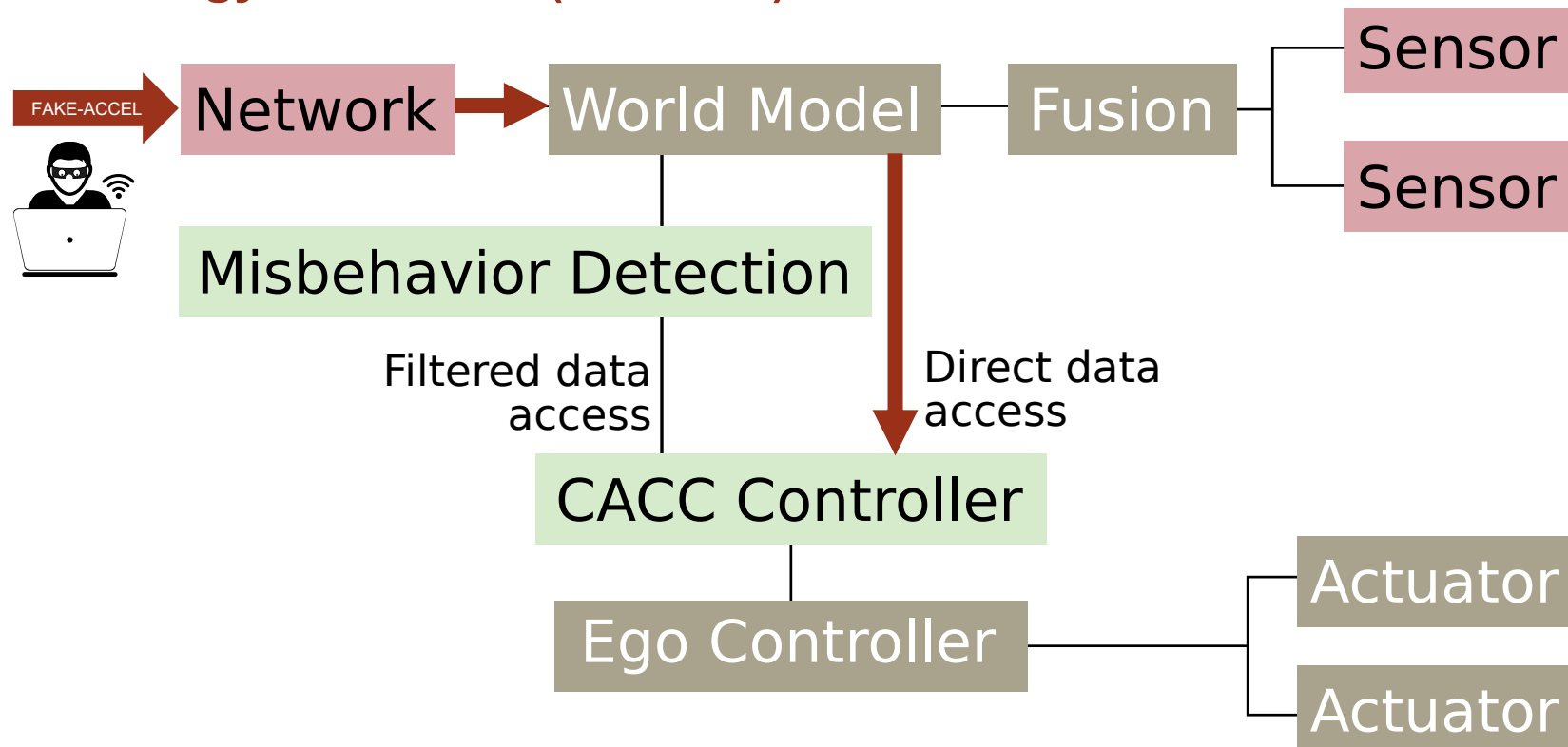
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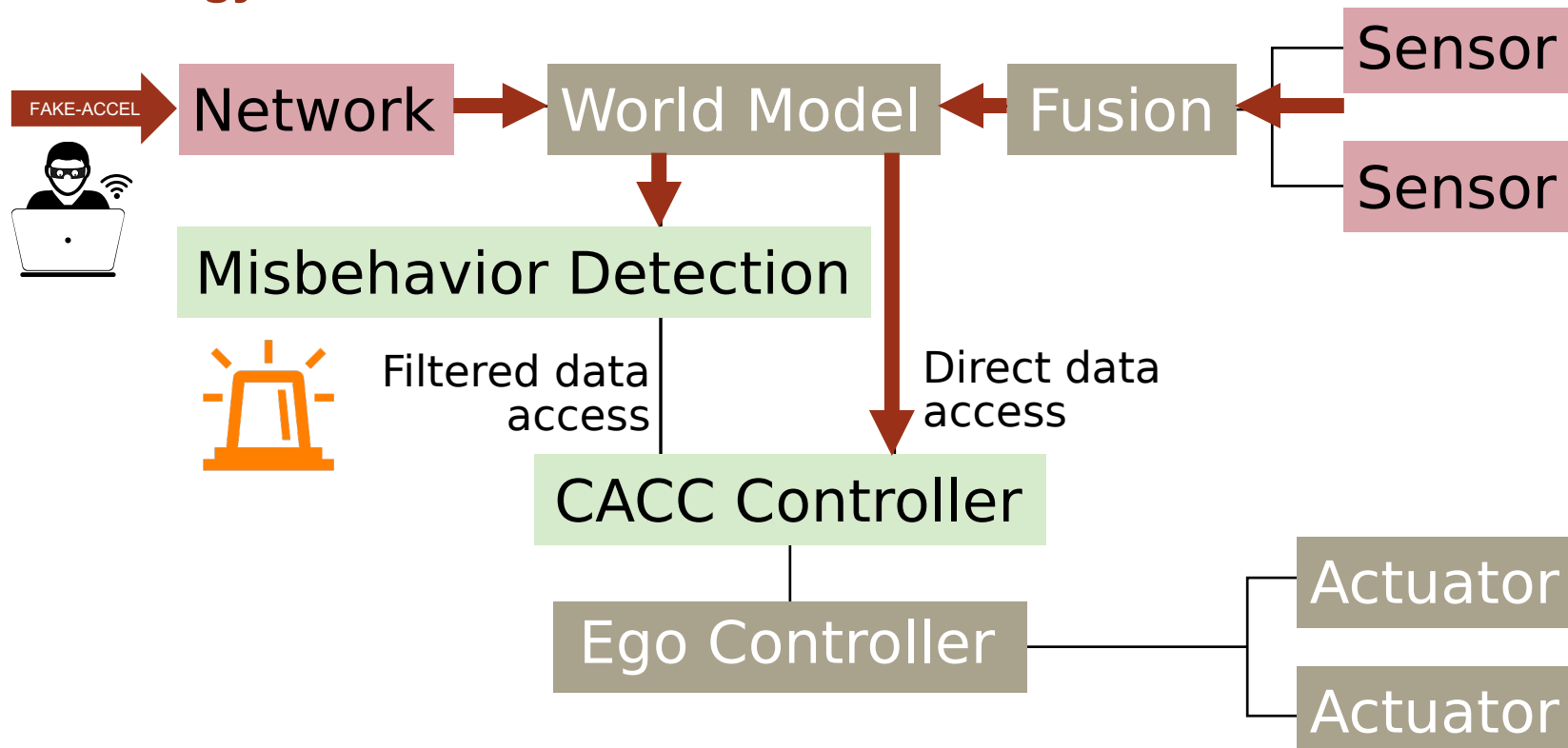
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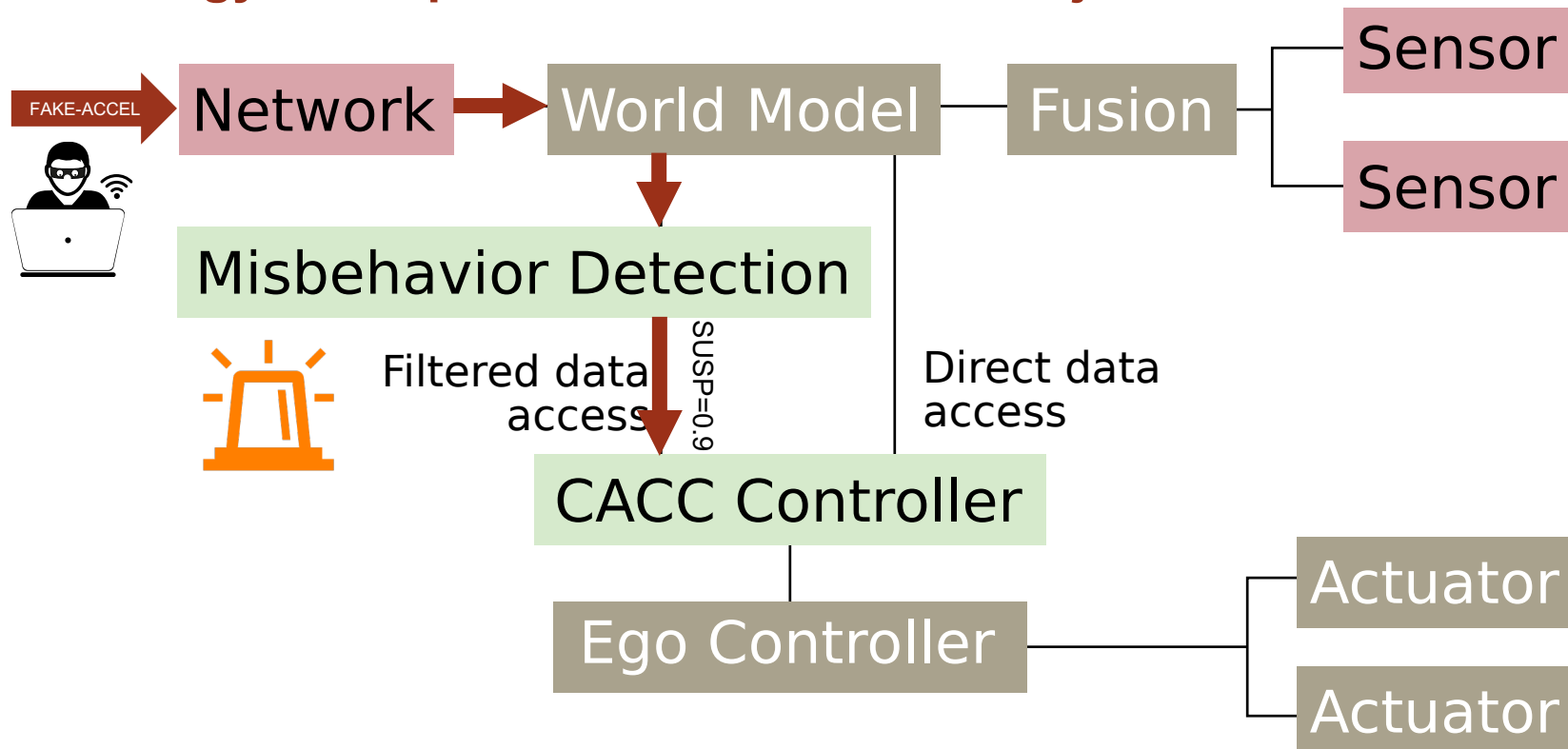
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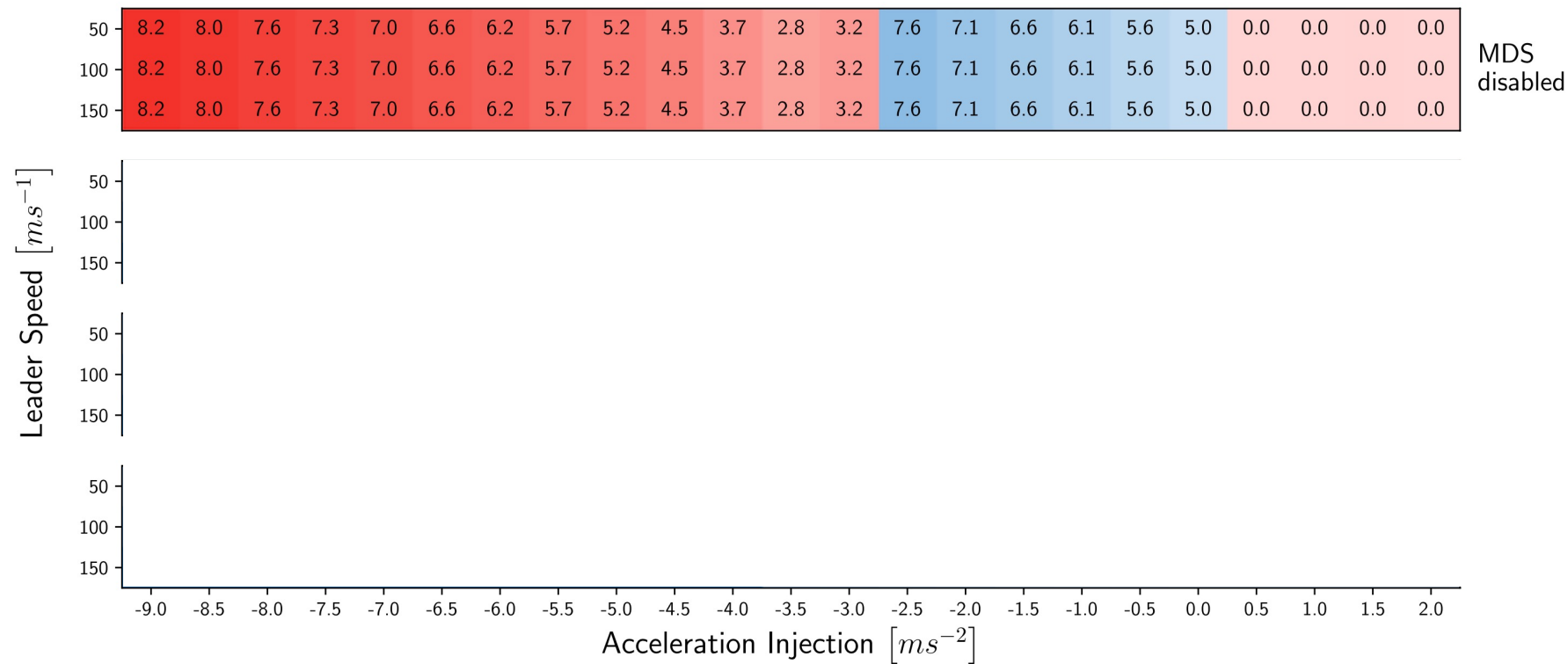
## Strategy 2: Fallback to ACC



# Mitigating Acceleration Attacks through MBD and Susp. Param.

## Strategy 3: Suspiciousness Param and Adjusted Controller Reaction

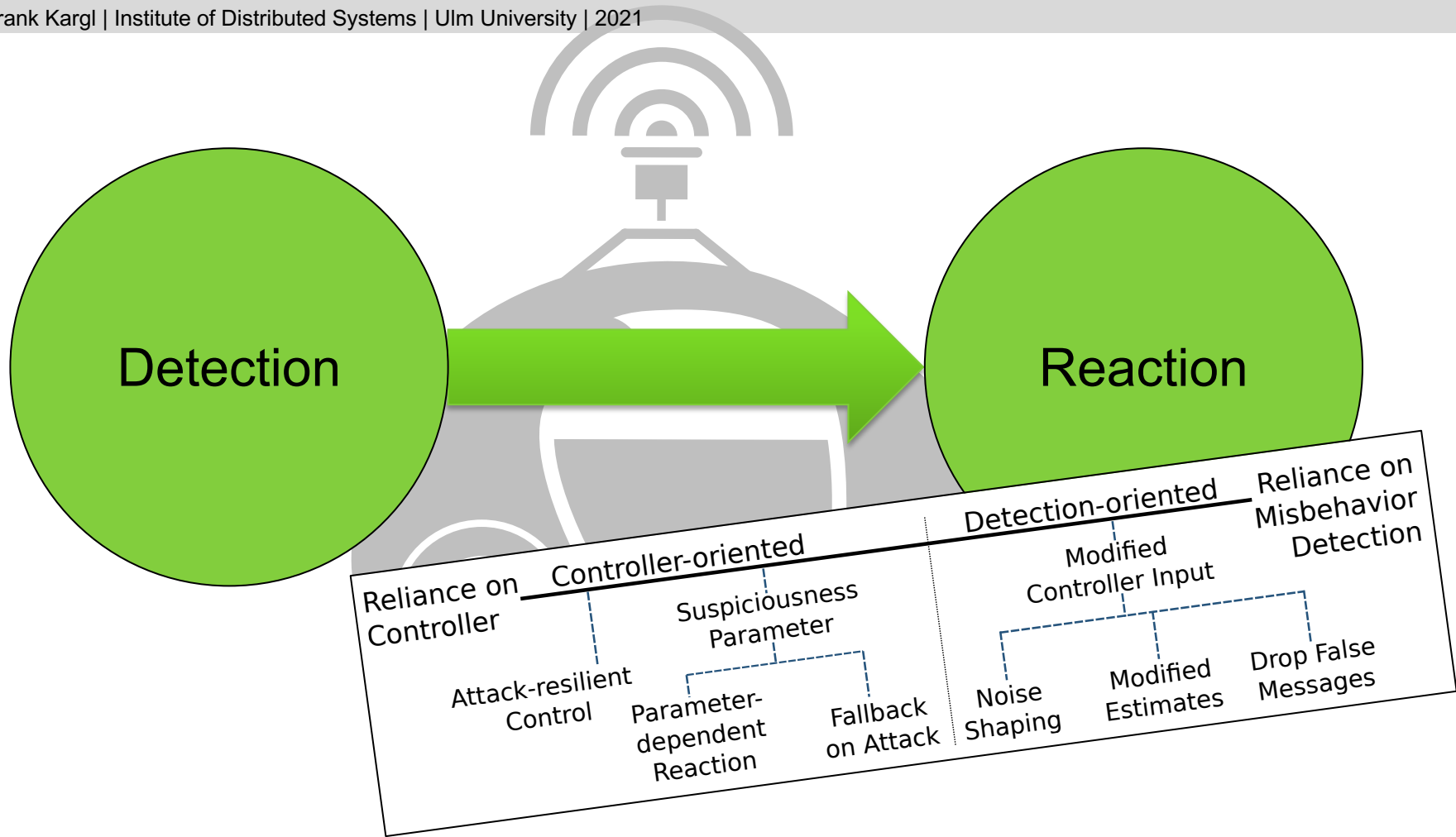




## Demonstrator : CACC “Carrerabahn”



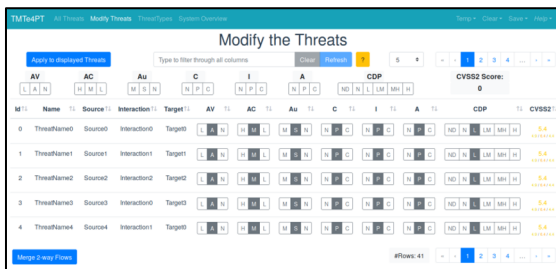
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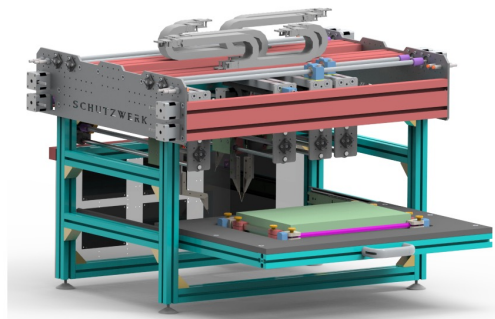
Methods and Tools  
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*Threat Modeling Tool Extension for  
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*Attacks on RADAR*

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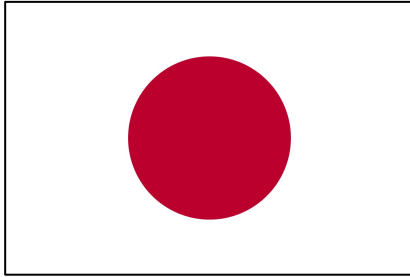
Security Mechanisms  
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*Secure ECU concepts, e.g., using PUFs*

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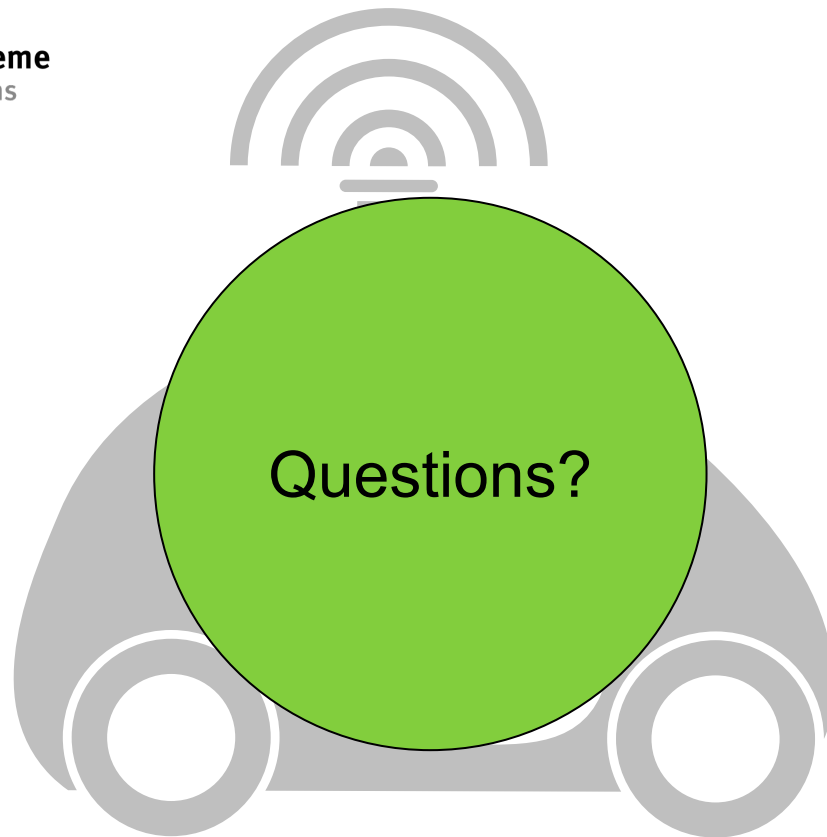
*IDS / MBD Integration*

# SecForCARs Extension: Securing Automated Vehicles (SAVE)



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