

Secure and Lightweight Over-the-Air Software Update Distribution for Connected Vehicles



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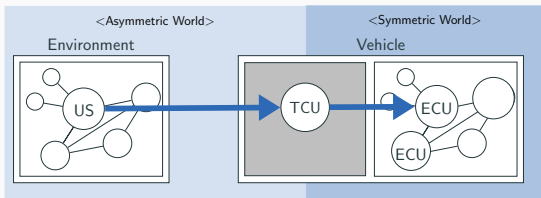
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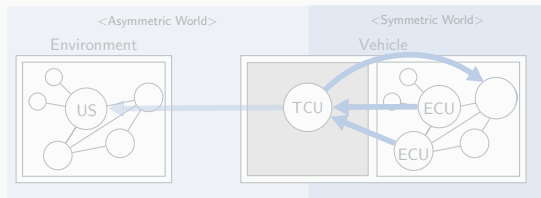
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Secure OTA Updates for Connected Vehicles

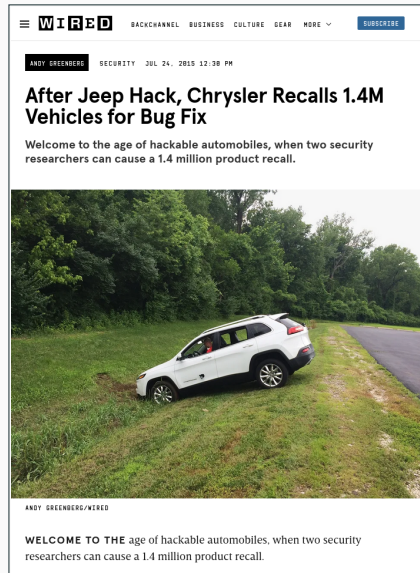
- Part 1: Secure Update Distribution
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- Part 2: Secure Update Installation
Reporting (follow-up)



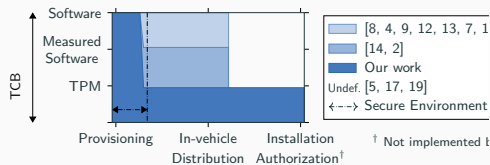
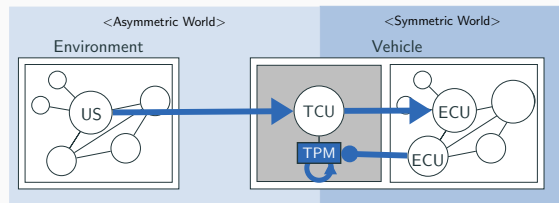
- Connected Vehicle is more and more exposed to the environment
 - More interfaces to the outside world
 - More complex vehicle software
- Cyberattacks
 - Monetary and safety implications
- OTA Updates as solid mitigation strategy
 - Prevents costly recalls
- Securing OTA Updates are challenging task
 - Full controller/network access required



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Contribution

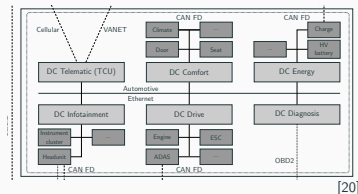
- Secure OTA update distribution and installation coordination system
- Address requirements from standards and regulations
 - Automotive Domain, UNECE R155/156, ISO 21434, Uptane
- TPM as central trust anchor in the vehicle
 - Cryptographic Proxy
 - Update Installation Coordination
- Benefits
 - Security Policies directly enforced in TPM
 - Solution does not rely on (Measured) Software
 - All symmetric keys stored on TPM, Backend only needs signature keys



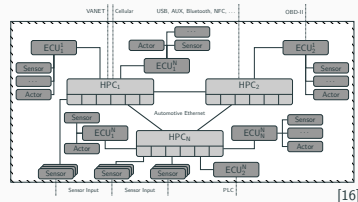
Background: Automotive Domain

- Heterogeneous networks
- Different topologies
- Various interfaces
- Past: Security limited
 - Symmetric, MACs (SecOC)
- Legacy/resource-constraint components remain

Currently:
Domain-based Architectures



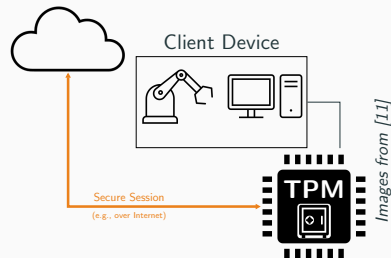
Upcoming:
Centralized/Zone Architectures



Future:
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Background: TPM

- Security Coprocessor standardized by Trusted Computing Group (TCG)
- Provides tamper-proof shielded location
 - Generation/storage of cryptographic keys and storage of arbitrary data (e.g., integrity measurements, counters)
 - Execution of (cryptographic) operations
 - NV memory (arbitrary, counter, bit field, etc.)
- Remote authorization concepts
 - Session-based key/data authorization (audit)
 - Enhanced Authorization
 - Concatenate usage constraints to a “TPM policy”
 - Policy needs to be successfully processed by TPM to authorize key/data usage
 - TPM supports different constraining policy commands
 - Time, usage, software state, command, ...

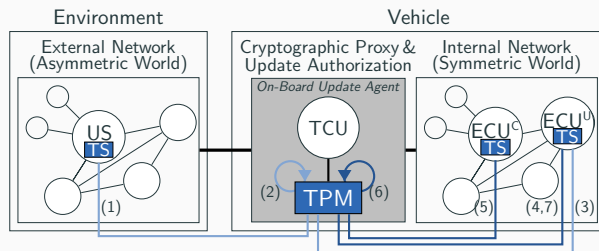


Background: Standards/Regulations

- UNECE Regulations 155 & 156
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations
 - Adoption of the first international regulations governing vehicle cybersecurity
 - Europe, Japan, Republic of Korea → third of global production
 - Mandatory for new vehicle types from July 2022, all vehicles from July 2024
 - UNECE R 155: Cyber security and cyber security management system
 - UNECE R 156: Requirements for Software update and software updates management system
- ISO 21434: “Road vehicles – Cybersecurity engineering”
 - Cybersecurity engineering in concept phase of automotive engineering
 - Execution of a comprehensive Threat Analysis and Risk Assessment (TARA)
- Related work
 - Uptane (→ ISO 24089: “Road vehicles – Software update engineering”)
 - Best practices

System Design – System Model and High-Level Concept

- Abstract automotive reference architecture
 - Environment, TCU, internal network (ECU^U , ECU^C)
- TPM is primary security provider of the system
 - Security of ECUs may remain lightweight
- 2 Security Building Blocks (SBBs)
 1. SBB1: Authenticated Update Distribution
 2. SBB2: Coordinated Update Authorization



■ Trusted Subsystem:

US: Air gap, TCU: TPM, $ECU^{U/C}$: HSM/DICE/TZ/...

– SBB1: Secure Update Distribution:

(1) Asymmetric Channel, (2) Rekeying, (3) Symmetric Channel

– SBB2: Secure Update Authorization:

(4) Update Installation Request, (5) Request Vehicle State Condition, (6) Conditional Authorization, (7) Update Installation Authorization

System Requirements

Requirements

- R01 & R02: Secure host processes & communication
- R03: Secure Key Management
- R04: Conditional Update
 - Constraints to the update process (enough remaining battery power, driver approval, immobilizer activated)
- R05: Unauthorized Rollback Prevention
- R06: Offline Signing Keys
- R07: Correct Updates
- R08: Semi-Offline Capabilities
- R09: Off-ECU Security Enforcement
- R10: Feasibility

System Specification – Policy Design

- Goals

- a) Only backend may authorize key derivation

- 1. Rekeying

- b) Derive update unique keys

- c) Derive only if signature is valid

- 2. Update Authorization

- b) Derive installation unique keys

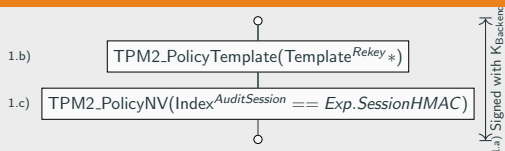
- c) Enable revocation

- d) Enforce restrictions from standards/regulations

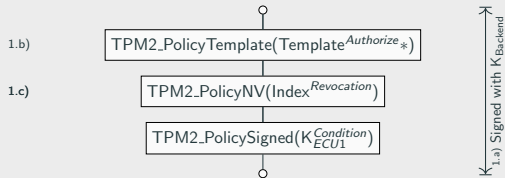
Derivation Key with Initial Policy



1. Rekeying Policy (RKP)



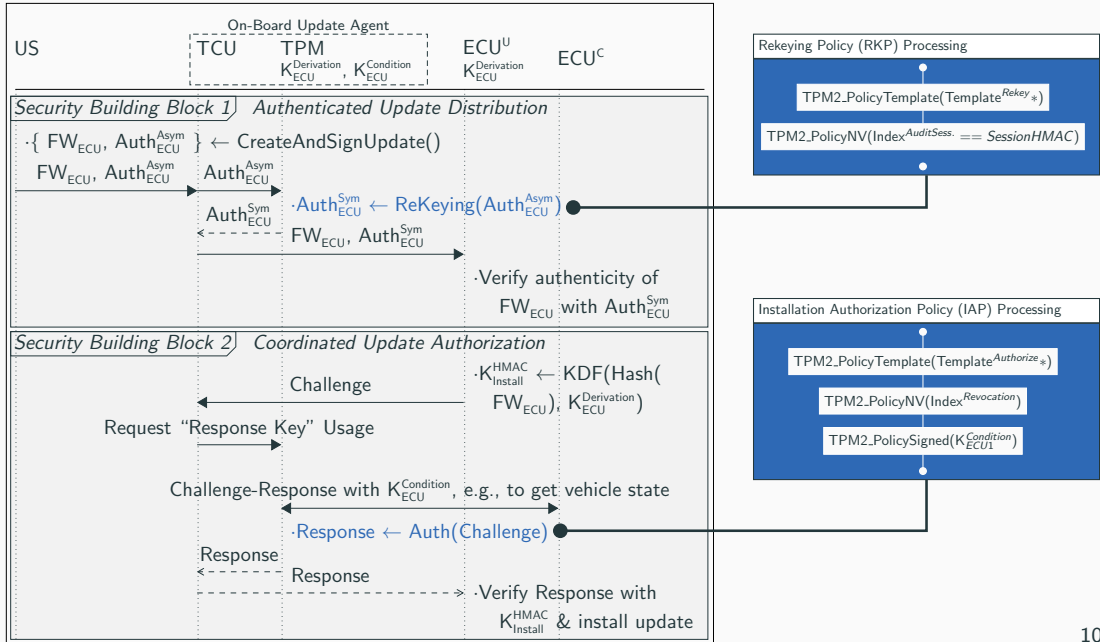
2. Installation Authorization Policy (IAP)



[†] K_{ParentDerive} securely contains DerivationSecret

* Template^{Rekey} := (Hash(FW_{ECU}))

System Specification – High-Level Update Protocol



Evaluation – Prototypical Implementation

- Raspberry Pi + TPM RPi Integration Board

- Update Target and Condition ECUs

- TPM2 Software Stack / Tools

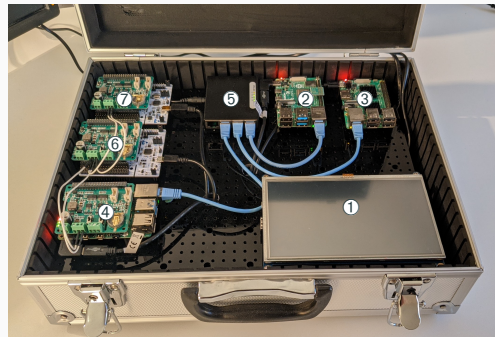
- Policies: FAPI
- Rekeying: ESAPI implementation extension (Key Derivation)

- Cryptographic Primitives & Schemes

- Asymmetric World: RSA/ECC-based schemes (signature for update bundles and policies)
- Symmetric World: HMAC (MAC for update bundles and key derivation)

- Artifacts are evaluated and available at

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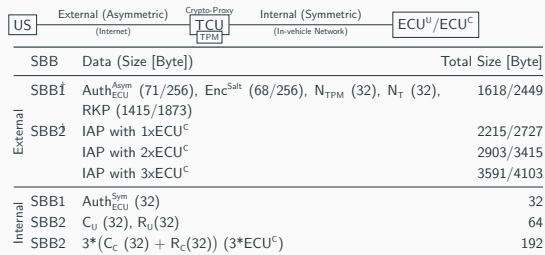
① Backend ② Update Agent (with TPM) ③ ECU^U ④ ECU^C
⑤ Ethernet Switch ⑥ / ⑦ CAN (FD) Subnetwork

Evaluation – Automotive Feasibility Evaluation (1)

1. Address security requirements
 - Attacker model, reference architecture, automotive standards and regulations, related work
2. TPM as “crypto-proxy”
 - Addresses heterogeneous environment
 - Translates asymmetric backend world to symmetric in-vehicle world
 - Symmetric keys in shielded location of TPM
3. TPM as primary vehicle trust anchor
 - Installation authorization coordinator
 - Security overhead on resource-constraint ECUs is minimized
4. Design enables reasonably low overheads for both transmission size and on computational level

Evaluation – Automotive Feasibility Evaluation (2)

- Network & storage requirements
 - Policies and asymmetric schemes in backend world
 - 1.6 kB – 4.1 kB
 - Challenge-Response in the vehicle
 - 32 B (SBB1) – 256 B (SBB2)



†: The slash separates the ECC and RSA variants for asymmetric schemes.

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 - 32 B (SBB1) – 256 B (SBB2)
 - Execution times
 - SBB1: 890 ms – 735 ms
 - SBB2: 1157 ms – 860 ms
- Asymmetric: Verify update and policy

Level	Operation	RSA [ms]		ECC [ms]	
1.3.	ECU ^U	142.503	(± 7.369)	143.465	(± 6.223)
1.2.	Network _{ECU^U}	145.602	(± 1.054)	158.147	(± 0.907)
1.1.5.	HMAC	13.114	(± 0.330)	13.602	(± 0.463)
1.1.4.	Key Derivation	50.369	(± 0.745)	50.439	(± 0.768)
1.1.3.	Authorize Policy	40.940	(± 0.942)	136.922	(± 1.148)
1.1.2.2.	TPM2_PolicyNV	7.546	(± 0.522)	7.673	(± 0.546)
1.1.2.1.	TPM2_PolicyTemplate	4.587	(± 0.284)	4.691	(± 0.349)
1.1.2.	RKP Processing	21.174	(± 1.453)	21.515	(± 23.380)
1.1.1.	Verify Update	20.150	(± 0.563)	117.178	(± 0.680)
1.1.	TCU	602.255	(± 5.546)	434.054	(± 12.290)
1.	<u>SBB1</u>	<u>890.359</u>	<u>(± 17.553)</u>	<u>735.666</u>	<u>(± 28.107)</u>
2.5.	ECU ^C	151.225	(± 22.566)	151.423	(± 23.577)
2.4.	Network _{ECU^C}	176.904	(± 0.847)	155.577	(± 0.950)
2.3.	ECU ^U	132.652	(± 8.459)	132.804	(± 19.292)
2.2.	Network _{ECU^U}	80.011	(± 1.105)	74.298	(± 1.004)
2.1.6.	HMAC	13.034	(± 0.765)	12.570	(± 0.796)
2.1.5.	Key Derivation	50.399	(± 0.384)	50.625	(± 0.420)
2.1.4.	Authorize Policy	38.632	(± 2.026)	134.170	(± 1.900)
2.1.3.3.	TPM2_PolicySigned [†]	14.469	(± 0.654)	14.479	(± 0.649)
2.1.3.2.	TPM2_PolicyNV	7.042	(± 0.467)	6.974	(± 0.372)
2.1.3.1.	TPM2_PolicyTemplate	3.957	(± 0.384)	3.993	(± 0.479)
2.1.3.	IAP Processing	25.672	(± 1.331)	25.650	(± 1.331)
2.1.2.	ReadHMAC [†]	0.066	(± 0.010)	0.062	(± 0.012)
2.1.1.	GetNonce [†]	0.006	(± 0.002)	0.005	(± 0.002)
2.1.	TCU	616.785	(± 31.523)	346.116	(± 32.934)
2.	<u>SBB2 (1x ECU^C)</u>	<u>1157.578</u>	<u>(± 63.705)</u>	<u>860.218</u>	<u>(± 55.045)</u>
2.a)	SBB2 (2x ECU ^C)	1171.004	(± 42.520)	878.562	(± 45.953)
2.b)	SBB2 (3x ECU ^C)	1187.213	(± 67.153)	992.106	(± 51.254)

[†]: Operation influences computational overhead for increasing ECU^C.

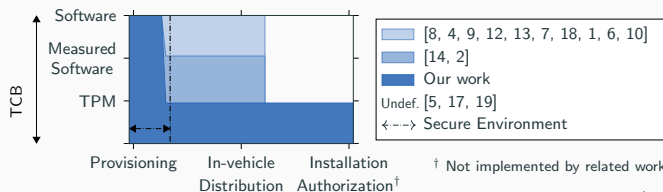
Evaluation – Comparison to Related Work

- Various OTA update types
- Link to our attacker model / functionality
 - A1: Network attacker, A2: Hijacking attacker, A3: Runtime attacker
- Comparing TCB during OTA lifecycle
- Results
 - All works not utilizing HTA focus on communication channels
 - No security against A2, A3
 - Works utilizing TPM rely on measured boot
 - No security against A3
- Only 2 works utilize rekeying, none installation authorization

Work	Type	TCB	Protection			Conditional Rekeying	Installation Authorization
			A1	A2	A3		
[8, 4, 9]	Symmetric	SW	●	○	○	-	○
[12, 13]	Hash	SW	●	○	○	-	○
[7]/[18]	Hybrid	SW	●	○	○	○ / ●	○
[19]	Blockchain	HTA?	●	?	?	○	○
[1]	Blockchain	SW	●	○	○	○	○
[10]	Steganogr.	SW	●	○	○	○	○
[6]	Framework	SW	●	○	○	?	○
[5]	HSM	?	●	?	○	○	○
[17]	TPM	?	●	?	?	○	○
[14]/[2]	TPM	M-SW	●	●	○	● / ○	○
Our work	TPM	TPM	●	●	●	●	●

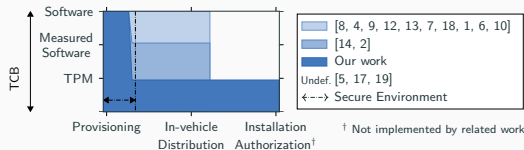
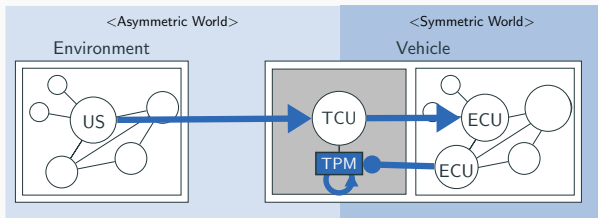
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SW: Software-based TCB, M-SW: Measured Software-based TCB (e.g., measured boot)

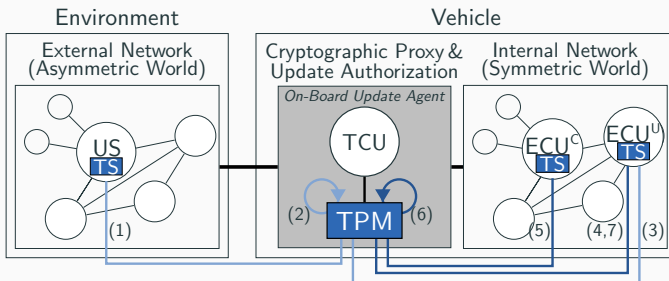


Conclusion

- Secure OTA software update concept for connected vehicles
 - Trusted Platform Module 2.0 (TPM 2.0) as central trust anchor
- Compliant to recent automotive standards and regulations
- Minimize TCB on update agent to just the TPM2.0
- 2 Security Building Blocks
 - Secure transmission with rekeying
 - Installation coordination



Thank you! Questions?



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