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FORmal mEthodS for attack dEtEction in autonomous driviNg systems

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Severity of attacks in a vehicle platoon by model-based simulation





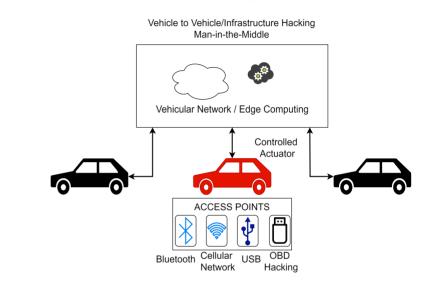




Introduction

The goals of our work:

- 1. Enhancing security of *connected autonomous vehicles* (CAV) by developing run-time local monitors for attack detection: the case of vehicle platoon
- 2. Model-based design security analysis
- 3. Traces analyses for anomaly detection
- 4. Model checking & abstract interpretation to identify patterns suggesting the possibility of an impending attack



Motivations:

Vulnerability in vehicle ecosystems GPS, OBD, CAN etc... etc...

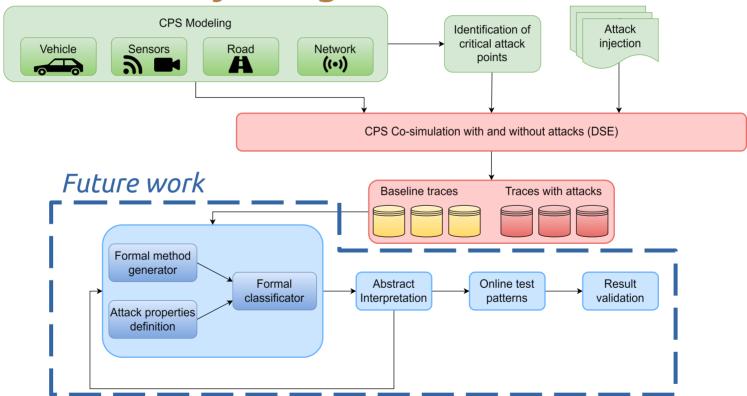








Introduction - Project's goal











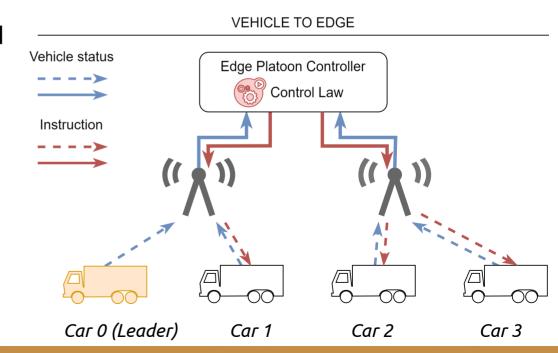
Vehicle platoon

The platoon's main objective is to keep an inter-vehicular distance D=11 meters between each pair of cars.

We study two kind of configurations:

- 1. Vehicle-to-edge
- 2. Vehicle-to-vehicle

The *Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control* (CACC) is used to control the platoon











Vehicle platoon – V2V

The V2V counterpart is similar but there's a pair of edge of each pair of cars (i, i - 1) and (i, 0).

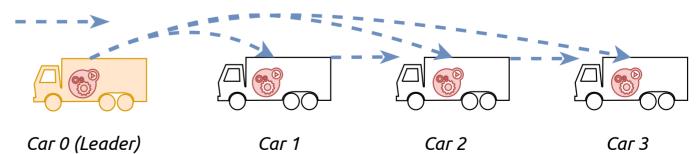
The IEEE 802.11p protocol is implemented as the network medium.

[1] was used to simulate the rate of packet drops in function of distance, vehicle distance and network traffic

Vehicle status

VEHICLE TO VEHICLE

[1] M. Sepulcre, M. Gonzalez-Martín, J. Gozalvez, R. Molina-Masegosa and B. Coll-Perales, "Analytical Models of the Performance of IEEE 802.11p Vehicle to Vehicle Communications," in *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, vol. 71, no. 1, pp. 713-724, Jan. 2022











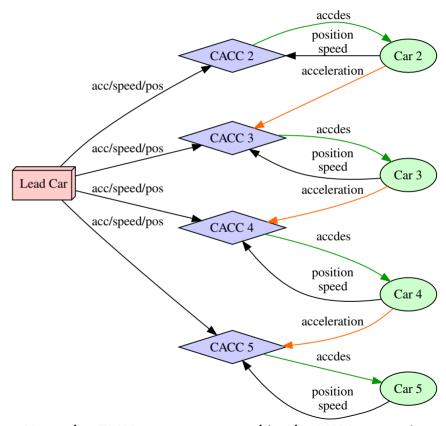
Co-simulation

We have the following FMUs:

Name	Language		
Car's physics	MATLAB		
[V2E] Network medium + CACC Controller	Python		
[V2V] Network Medium	C++		
[V2V] CACC Controller	С		

INTO-CPS is used as the COE

http://into-cps.org



How the FMUs are connected in the V2V scenario







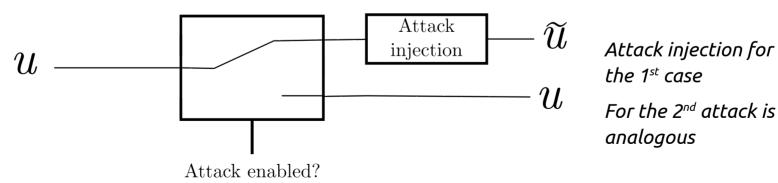


Attack injection

We study two kinds of data alteration attacks:

- **1)Actuator alternation** (i.e. on the value of desired acceleration u sent by the CACC to the car's physics)
- **2) Physical values alteration** (i.e. on the x, v, a values sent by vehicle to the edge/other vehicles)

They're implemented by **adding a switch** in the car's physics' FMU



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Actuator alteration

$$\tilde{u}_1 = u_1 + A$$

Attack on the actuator with a certain parameter A

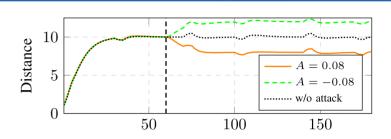
$$\tilde{u}_1 = (1+A) \cdot u_1$$

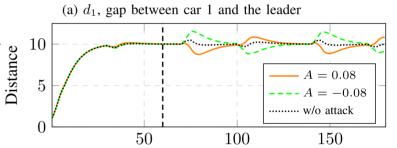
Physical values alteration

$$\tilde{a}(t) = a(t) + A\sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$\tilde{v}(t) = v(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \tilde{a}(\tau)d\tau$$

$$\tilde{x}(t) = x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \tilde{v}(\tau)d\tau$$





Ranges under study

Examples of possible values of A: ± 0.08 , ± 0.04 , ± 0.5 , etc...









Assumptions

- The CACC control law is assumed to be the same between the two scenario
- Packet latency are drawn from an exponential distribution
- V2V
 - Simulation of highly congested radio channel
- V2E
 - Reliable link (no packet loss)
 - RTT within 30 ms





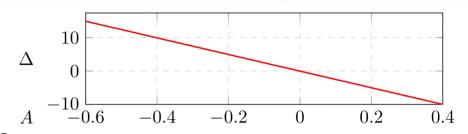




Some results & Conclusions

We tested many parameter combinations.

- Attacks data-alteration are most dangerous
- Attacks on actuators mainly result in a reduced inter-vehicular distance.



 Δ wrt nominal gap at $t=120\mathrm{s}$ over A

Example of possible data aggregation

These figures are relative to V2E. (similar to V2V)

P1: Physical values alteration attacks

P2: actuator alteration attacks

Label class	No attack		Attack on car 1 - P1			
ОК	100.00%	33.33%	33.33%	50.00%	33.33%	75.00%
TOO CLOSE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	25.00%
COLLISION	0.00%	66.67%	66.67%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
# TRACES	96	576	288	384	288	384

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Further work

- More attacks
- Extract models of the cars' behaviors from the traces.
- Extract properties from the traces
- Generate online tests to check against attacks on the vehicle

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FIN Thank you for the attention

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