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Vehicular Security Hardware

The Security for Vehicular Security Mechanisms

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The need for vehicular security

Possible attacks in a vehicular environment



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- **Steal** the vehicle or a valuable component
- **Circumvent** restrictions in hardware or software functionality (e.g., speed locks, feature activation, software updates)
- **Manipulate** financially, legally, or warranty relevant vehicular components (e.g., toll devices, digital tachograph, chip tuning)
- **Spy on** manufacturer's expertise and intellectual property (e.g., counterfeits, industrial espionage)
- **Violate** privacy issues (e.g., contacts, last trips)
- **Impersonate** (e.g., electronic license plate)
- **Misuse** external communication (e.g., disturb, misuse, harm)
- **Harm** passengers, destroy OEM's reputation (e.g., safety attacks)

➔ **Strong need for reliable security mechanisms!**



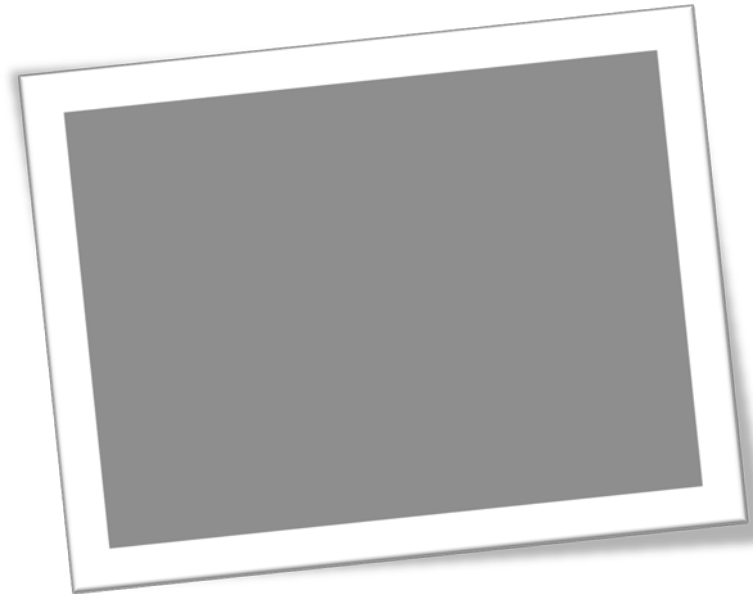
The security of security mechanisms

Why applying standard solutions won't work



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- **Beyond “standard attacks” ..**
 - Insider attacks
 - Offline attacks
 - Physical attacks
- **Many different attackers and attacking incentives**
- **Many different attack points**
- **Vehicular IT is client/server, embedded and mobile world**



➔ Standard security solutions won't work!



The security of security mechanisms

Trust in security mechanisms



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- **Organizational attacks** (e.g., social engineering) can be prevented by well-thought *security processes, secure infrastructures and organizational security policies*
- **Logical attacks** (e.g., cryptographic weaknesses or weak APIs) can be prevented by a *secure well-thought security system design and adequate security protocols*
- **Software attacks** (e.g., weak OS mechanisms or malware) can be prevented by reliable *software security mechanisms* (e.g., secure init, secure RTEs) and the application of *hardware security mechanisms that protect & enforce security of software mechanisms*
- **Hardware attacks** (e.g., security artifacts manipulations/read-out, physical locks, side-channels etc.) can be prevented by *hardware tamper-protection measures*



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What security hardware can help



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- **Protects** software security mechanisms by
 - ➔ Providing a trustworthy *security anchor* for upper SW layers
 - ➔ *Secure generation, secure storage, and secure processing* of security-critical material shielded from all pot. malicious SW
- **Prevents** hardware tampering attacks by
 - ➔ Applying *tamper-protection* measures
- **Accelerates** security mechanisms by
 - ➔ Applying *cryptographic accelerators*
- **Reduces** security costs on high volumes by
 - ➔ Applying highly optimized special circuitry instead of general purpose hardware





Engineering a Vehicular Security Hardware

Quick Requirements analysis



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■ Security Requirements

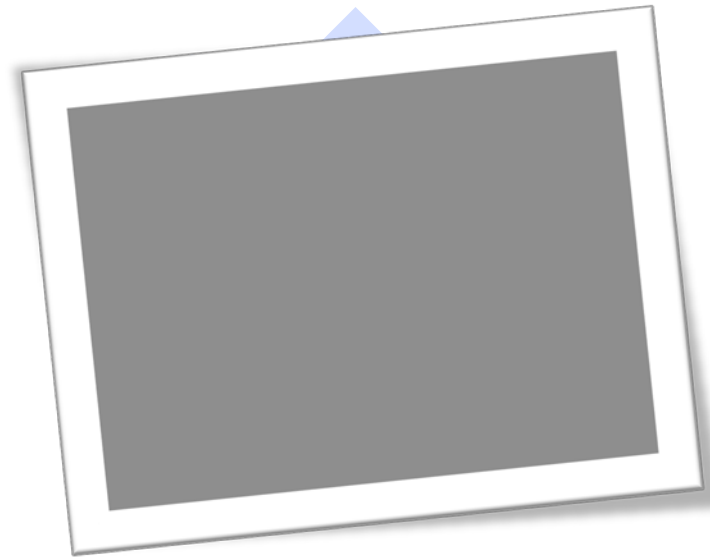
- High level: creation, storage, management & processing of security artifacts (e.g., keys, certificates, random numbers), authentications schemes, secure “timer” (e.g., clock, counter)...
- Low level: symmetric engine, asymmetric engine, hash function, TRNG, secure storage...
- Physical level: Physical coupling, tamper-evidence, tamper-resistance, tamper-response, and side-channel resistance

■ Functional Requirements

- Latency and band width
- Memory, space, and performance
- Interface compatibility, security updates
- Physical stress...

■ Other requirements

- Costs
- Patents and export restrictions
- Certification reg. safety (IEC 61508, SIL etc.) and security (e.g., FIPS 140, Common Criteria)





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What is the current situation?



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- **Proprietary** and **single-purpose** hardware security solutions in vehicular environments, for example:
 - Immobilizer
 - Digital tachograph
 - Toll Collect OBU

- General-purpose hardware security modules for **non-automotive** environments , for example:
 - IBM cryptographic coprocessor
 - Cryptographic smartcards
 - Trusted Platform Module
 - Mobile Trusted Module

➔ **Are there any solutions for vehicular security HW?**



E-safety Vehicle Intrusion proTected Application

EVITA project objectives



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- **Powerful ECU security hardware extension** that: *“.. aims at designing, verifying, and prototyping an architecture for automotive on-board networks where security-relevant components are protected against tampering and sensitive data are protected against compromise.”*
- **Prevent** or at least detect **malicious malfunction** of in-vehicle e-safety applications
- **Detect** manipulated information from **external entities**
- **Design and verify** a **ECU security architecture**, including
 - ECU hardware security extension
 - ECU software security components
 - corresponding (e-safety) security protocols
- **Implement , demonstrate and validate** ECU security architecture for practicability





E-safety Vehicle Intrusion proTected Application

EVITA background information



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- **Objective:** Automotive capable security hardware (“automotive TPM”) for enabling a vehicular security architecture protecting e-safety V2X communications (e.g., emergency break, eCall)
- **Program:** FP7-ICT-2007 of the European Community (EC)
- **Partners:** BMW, Bosch, Continental, escrypt, EURECOM, Fraunhofer, Fujitsu, Infineon, Institut TELECOM, KU Leuven, MIRA, TRIALOG from Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden, UK
- **Duration:** 36 months (July 2008 – June 2011)
- **Total cost:** 6 million €
- **Further information:** www.evita-project.org



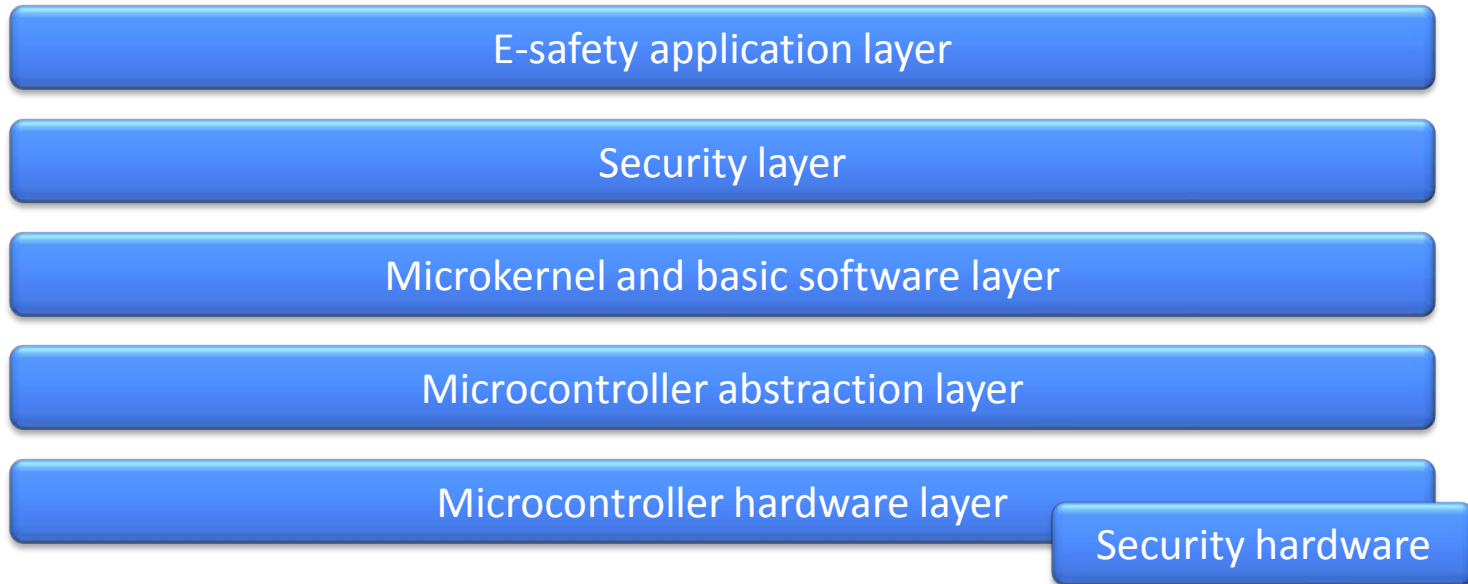


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EVITA ECU security architecture



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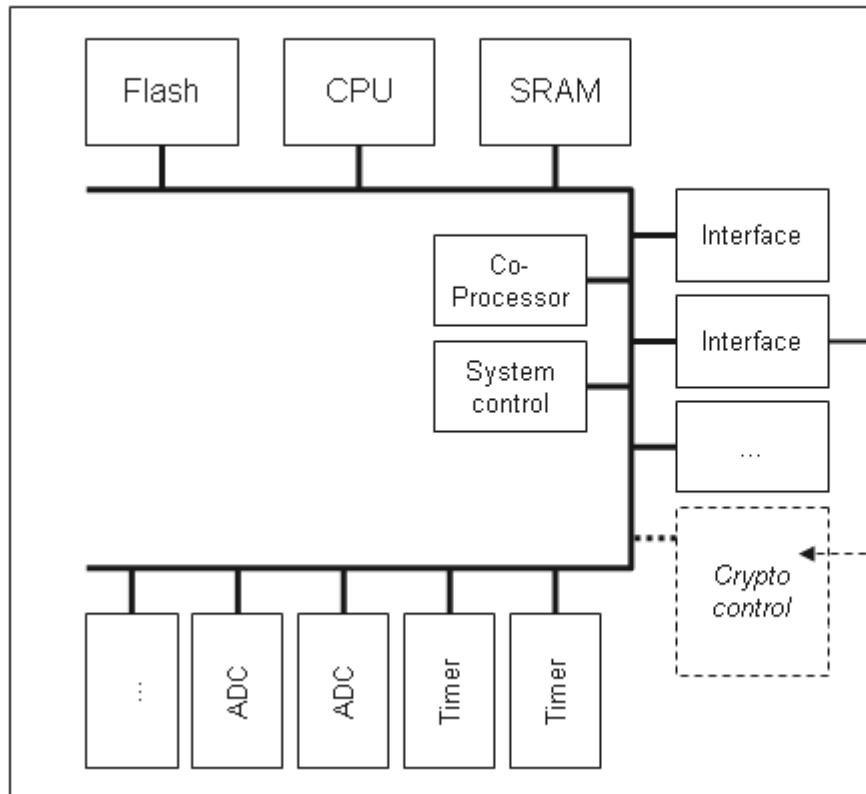
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EVITA microcontroller security extension

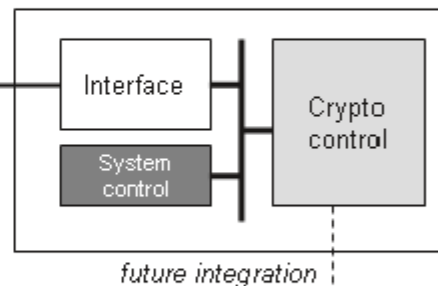


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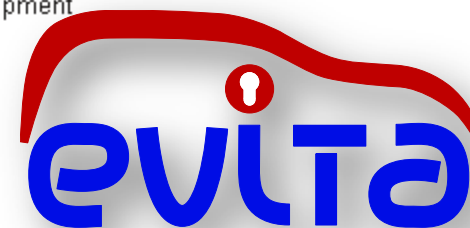
Microcontroller (schematic)



FPGA Prototype (schematic)



- Reuse of existing IP
- New development, but based on existing know-how
- Prototype specific development





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EVITA project work plan / milestones



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- Work plan
 - **2008: Security requirements analysis**
 - 2009: Secure on-board architecture design
 - 2010: Reference implementation in SW & HW
 - 2010: Prototyped-based demonstration (lab car)
 - 2011: Publication as open specification





➔ EVITA security extension in every ECU? Surely not!

- Standardized , minimized ECU hardware security module
 - Protect simpler less security-critical ECUs such as sensor & actuators
 - Prevent software attacks and some hardware attacks (e.g., root artifacts)
 - Capable to interact securely w/ higher level security HW (e.g., EVITA)
- Vehicular equivalent to TCG's "Mobile Trusted Module (MTM)"
 - Hardware/software co-design for maximum on compatibility & flexibility (e.g., pure chip, hardware anchor + support software, pure software)
 - Secure boot for integrity protection
 - Protected (root) security artifacts processing and storage
 - Secure (in-vehicle) communication (Int. + opt. Auth./Conf.)
 - Unique ECU identification

ETM



ECU Trusted Module (ETM)

Enabling a holistic vehicular sec. architecture



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■ Security requirements

- Non-detachable connected with ECU hardware
- Minimal immutable core root of trust code
- Minimal internal non-volatile memory for storing root security artifact(s)
- Isolated security processing environment, e.g.,
 - Additional parallel environment (e.g., dedicated RAM and μ C)
 - Physical isolation mechanism (e.g., ARM TrustZone)
 - Strictly logical isolated environment (e.g., microkernel)
- Security enabled ECU processor and software stack
- Only standardized, established security algorithms (e.g., NIST, FIPS, BSI)
- ...

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ECU Trusted Module (ETM)

Enabling a holistic vehicular sec. architecture



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■ Other requirements

- Physical stress resistance and other functional demands (latency etc.)
- Compatibility with other (higher-level) security modules and security mechanisms and with existing ECU microprocessor architectures
- Standardized security classification according to the individual requirements to enable comprehensive flexible architectures, e.g.,
 - *Security level I*: Pure software application
 - *Security level II*: Key security artifacts shielded
 - *Security level III*: All security functionality shielded
 - *Security level IV*: Tamper-protection
- Open and patent free specifications for cost-effective OEM-wide application

ETM



Strong Vehicular Security Architectures

Coupling ETM and EVITA enabled ECUs



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- Powerful EVITA extension in 2 - 4 central multi-purpose ECUs
 - Central gateway
 - Immobilizer
 - Engine control
 - Front/rear module

 - Small ETM in less, but security-critical client ECUs
 - Critical sensors: e.g., wheel, acceleration, pedal sensors
 - Critical actuator: e.g., breaks, door locks, turn signal indicator
 - Critical small ECU: e.g., GPS module, lighting, clock
- ➔ **Secure cooperation of small ETM and powerful EVITA security extensions allows to create a cost-effective, flexible, and holistic vehicular security architecture**

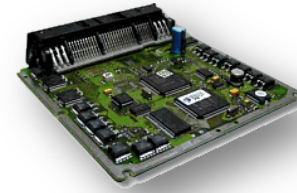


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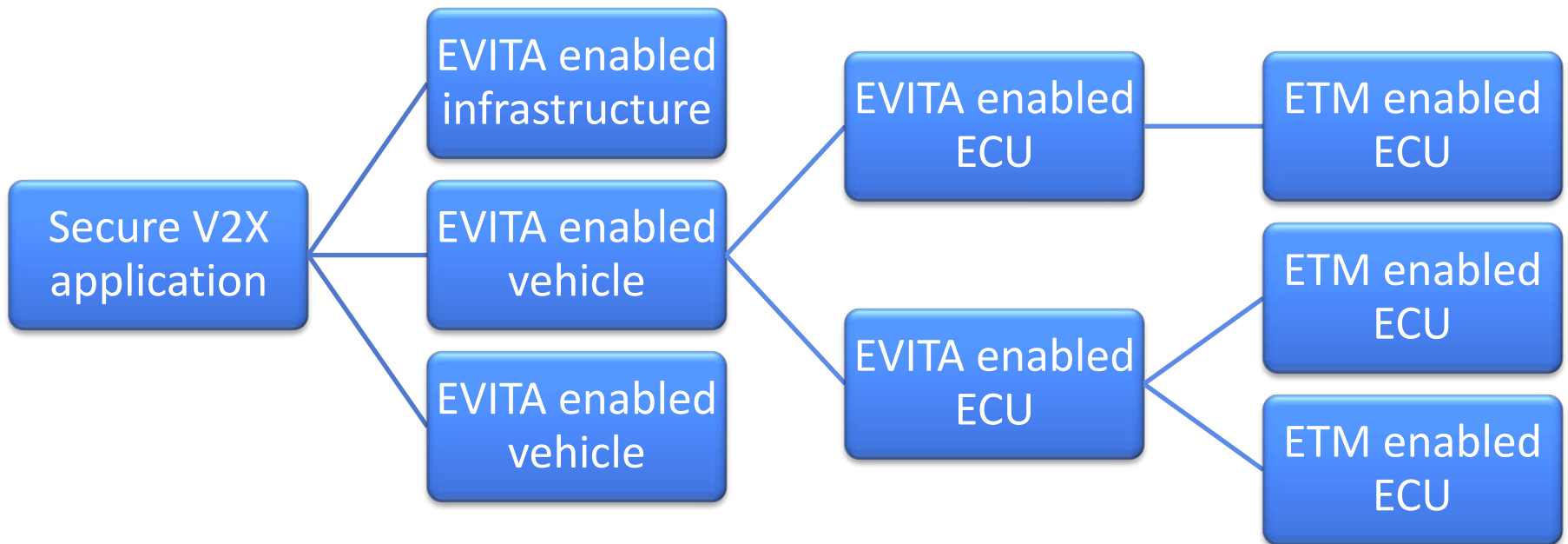


Vehicular applications

Cars & infrastructures

ECU masters

ECU clients





Conclusions and Outlook



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- 👉 Standardized security hardware is **essential** for the security of **vehicular security mechanisms**
- 👉 Vehicular security hardware helps **preventing** almost **all software attacks** and **many physical attacks**
- 👉 Automotive proof security hardware (or even standards) **currently not available** (neither low-level nor high-level)
- 👉 However, open **ETM** and **EVITA** prototypes could be **promising opportunities** to act as effective, trustworthy and cost-effective hardware security anchors in vehicular environments

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