

Security in transportation systems

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Implications: Creates multiple attack possibilities.

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Hacking Cars

Researchers have discovered important security flaws in modern automobile systems. Will car thieves learn to pick locks with their laptops?

NOT SO LONG ago, car thieves plied their trade with little more than a coat hanger and a screwdriver. New anti-theft technologies have made today's cars much harder to steal, but the growing tangle of computer equipment under the hood is creating new security risks that carmakers are just beginning to understand.

Ever since Toyota's well-publicized struggles with the computerized braking systems in its 2010 Prius hybrid cars, automotive computer systems have come under increasing scrutiny. In the last few years, researchers have identified a range of new, unexpected security flaws that could potentially affect large numbers of new cars. Given the specialized programming know-



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Attack vectors:

- Software/hardware attacks: implementation vulnerabilities.
- Communication attacks: Changing information bits, delays, impersonation etc.
- Physical attacks: Sensor/actuator attacks and spoofing.

Message: Vulnerability in both software/cyber and physical sides.

Worm Was Perfect for Sabotaging Centrifuges

By WILLIAM J. BROAD and DAVID E. SANGER
Published: November 18, 2010

Experts dissecting the computer worm suspected of being aimed at [Iran's nuclear program](#) have determined that it was precisely calibrated in a way that could send nuclear centrifuges wildly out of control.

Their conclusion, while not definitive, begins to clear some of the fog around the [Stuxnet](#) worm, a malicious program detected earlier this year on computers, primarily in [Iran](#) but also India, Indonesia and other countries.

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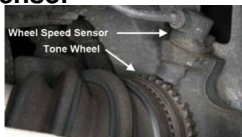


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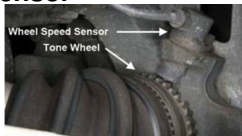
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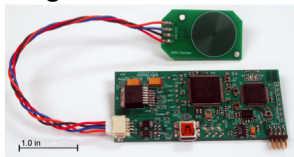
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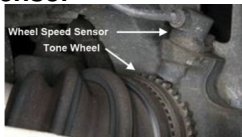
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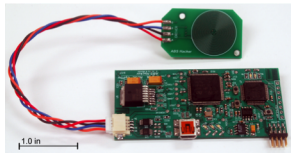
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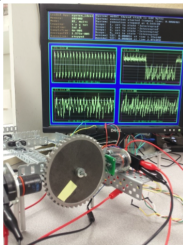
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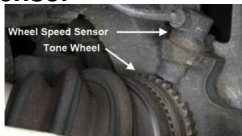
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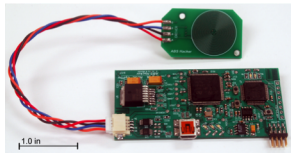
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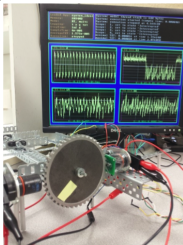
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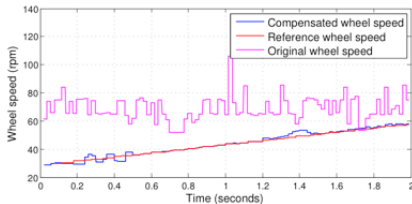
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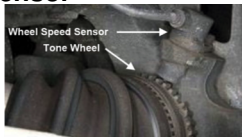


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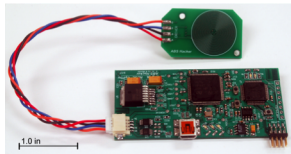
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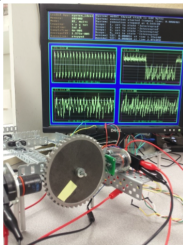
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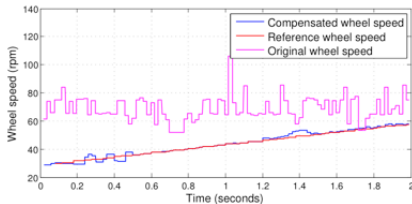
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Implication: Cryptography cannot protect against (analog) sensed signal manipulation.

Shoukry et al CHES 2013.

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Defense: Will depend on type of attack.

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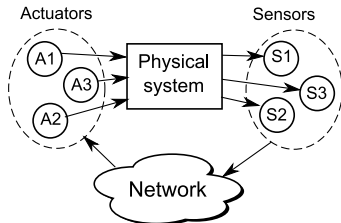
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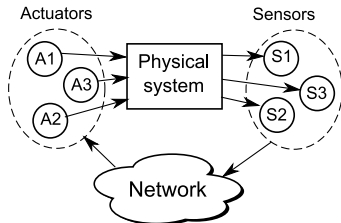


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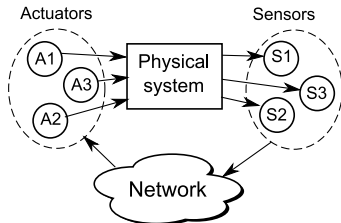
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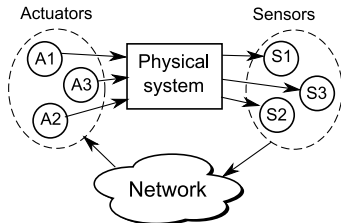
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 - Secure sensing/actuation (analog domain).
 - Offline design: added security around points of vulnerability.