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# Secure Perception for Autonomous Systems

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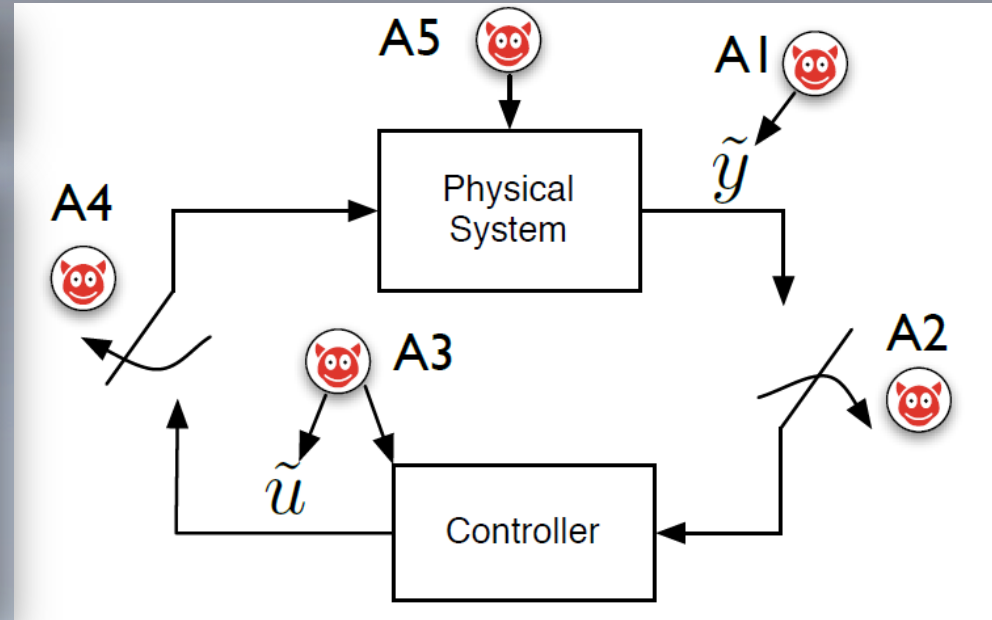
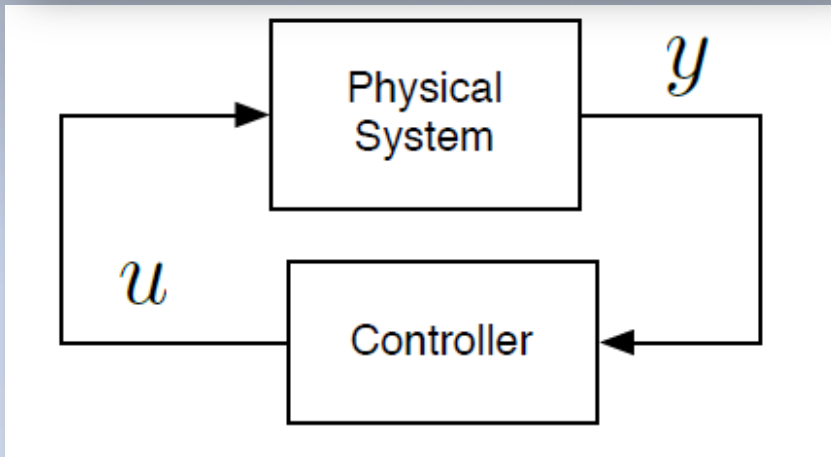
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# Autonomous Control System Security

Secure Control: Towards Survivable Cyber-Physical Systems\*

Alvaro A. Cárdenas   Saurabh Amin   Shankar Sastry  
University of California, Berkeley   2008



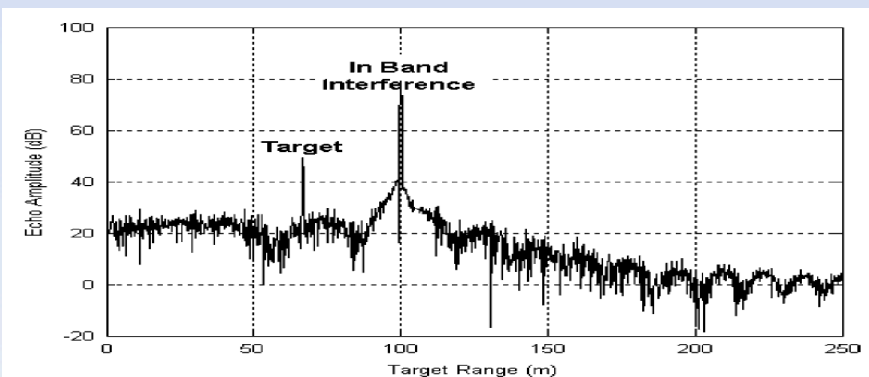
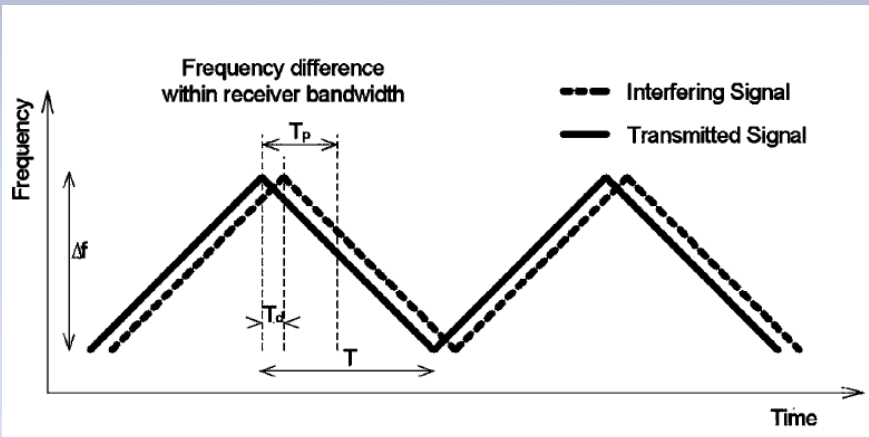
The general secure control problem envisions arbitrary manipulation of  $y$  and  $u$  (e.g, deception and DoS attacks)

**The UT Radionavigation Laboratory's approach to the secure control problem:**

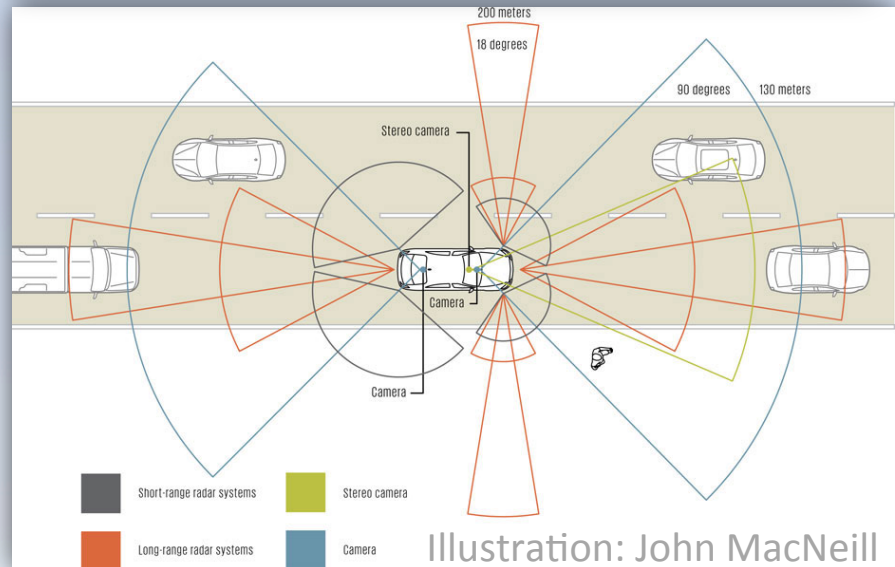
**Focus on field attacks: attacks on the physical fields (e.g., electromagnetic, acoustic, pressure, etc.) measured by system sensors – especially navigation and timing system sensors.**

# Example: Adaptive Cruise Control

The security of current automotive radar systems against deliberate attack is weak because the FMCW waveform is almost perfectly predictable



Booker, "Mutual interference of mm-wave radar systems." (2007)





Accurate and trustworthy perception is perhaps *the most difficult challenge* of autonomous vehicles. Lidar, radar, and GPS must all be secured against interference and deception.



Shepard, Bhatti, Humphreys, Fansler, "Evaluation of smart grid and civilian UAV vulnerability to GPS spoofing attacks," Proc. ION GNSS, Nashville, TN, 2012



Follow-on demonstration:  
From onset of attack to crash in 20 seconds



WHITE ROSE OF DRACHS









ARPA-A  AIS

ALARM Out of XTE

TRANSAS

Ship 29-06-13  
03:00 E 17:57:11

Primary 37° 56.680 N  
PS2:GPS 022° 58.350 E

COG-p 126.0°  
SOG-p 6.6 kt

HDG-u  
LOG-u

gr232 2 1:15,000

Route data

Route	Bar to fethiye 2013
To WP 15	
CSE	132.3°
XTE	139 m - port
BTW	134.0°
DTW	2.56 nm
ETA (Ship)	29-06-2013 18:20:27
TTG	23 m 17 s
Next WP 16	
CSE	121.6°
Radius	0.30 nm

Tasks List Event Help

Vectors Fixed  Show

Depth in Metres WGS-84

**Three recent developments ...**

# (1) Cost-Ranked GNSS Attack/Detection Matrix

TABLE I: Cost-Ranked Matrix of GNSS Spoofing Attack and Detection Techniques

Detection Techniques	Attack Techniques												
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13
D1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D2	~	✓	X	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D3	~	~	~	~	~	X	X	~	~	~	~	X	X
D4	~	✓	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
D5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	~
D6	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X
D7	X	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~
D8	X	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~
D9	~	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓
D10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	~	~	~	~
D11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	~	~	~	~	~
D12	X	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~
D13	X	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~	✓	✓	~	X	✓	~

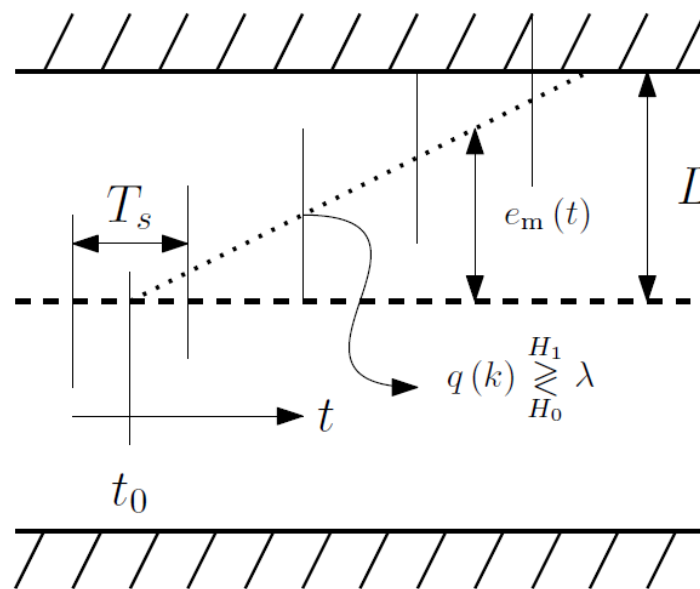
## Attack Techniques Key

A1	Meaconing, single RX ant., single TX ant.
A2	Open-loop signal simulator
A3	RX/SP, single TX ant., no SCER
A4	RX/SP, single TX ant., SCER
A5	Meaconing, multi. RX ants., single TX ant.
A6	Nulling RX/SP, single TX ant., no SCER
A7	Nulling RX/SP, single TX ant., SCER
A8	RX/SP, single TX ant., sensing of victim ant. motion
A9	RX/SP, multi. TX ants., no SCER
A10	RX/SP, multi. TX ants., SCER
A11	Meaconing, multi. RX ants., multi. TX ants.
A12	Nulling RX/SP, multi. TX ants., no SCER
A13	Nulling RX/SP, multi. TX ants., SCER

## Detection Techniques Key

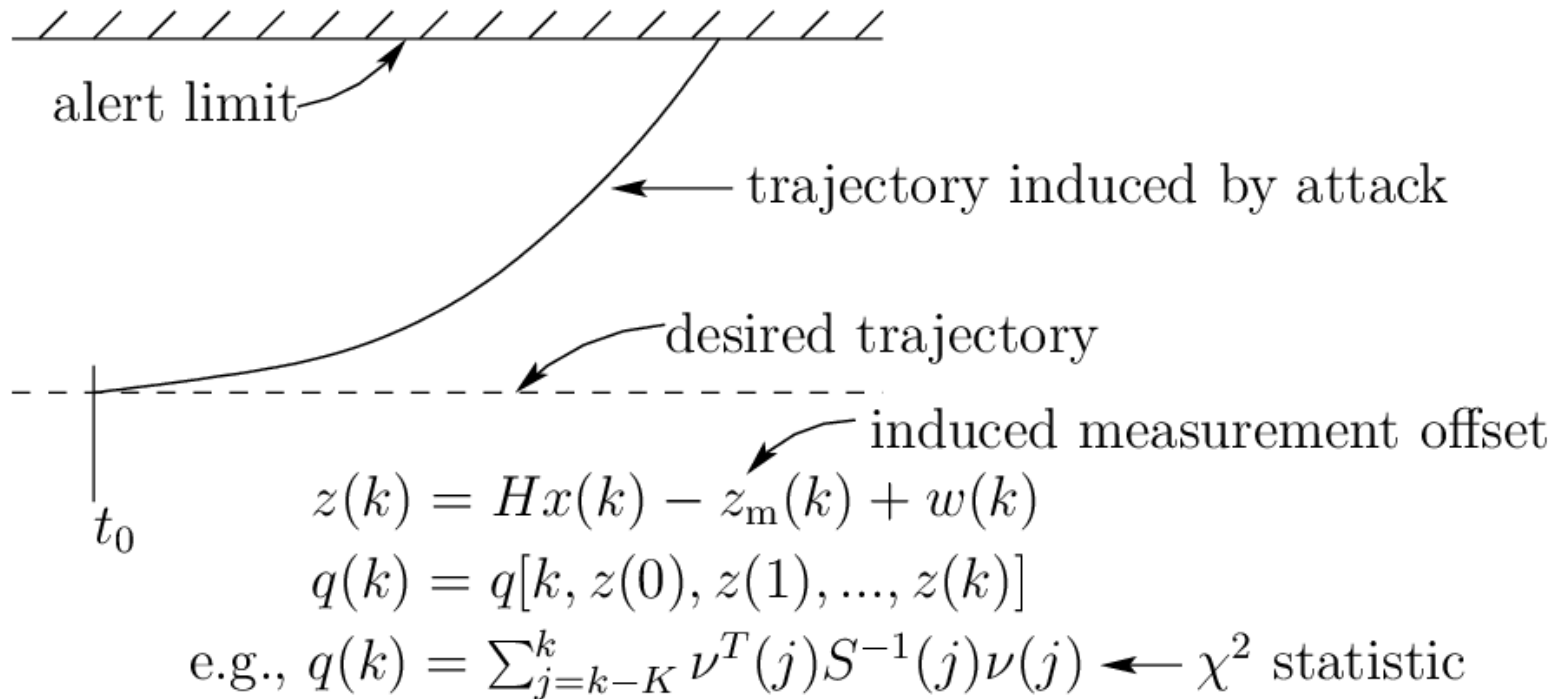
D1	Pseudorange-based RAIM
D2	Observables and RPM
D3	Correlation function distortion monitoring
D4	Drift monitoring (clock offset, IMU/position)
D5	Observables, RPM, distortion, and drift monitoring
D6	NMA*
D7	NMA* and SCER detection
D8	Delayed symmetric-key SSSC*
D9	NMA*, SCER detection, RPM, and drift monitoring
D10	Multiple RX antennas
D11	Moving RX antenna
D12	Dual-RX keyless correlation of unknown SSSC codes
D13	Symmetric-key SSSC* [e.g., P(Y) equiv.]

## (2) Estimator-Level Detection of Position Deception: Optimization of Time Between Measurements



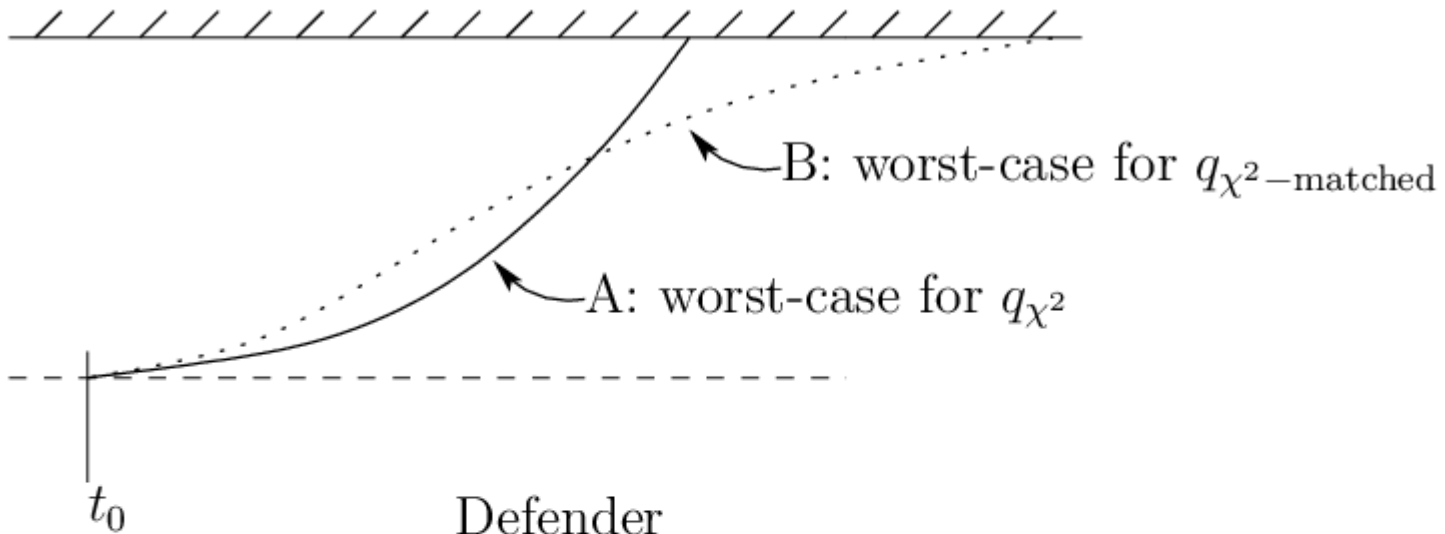
Measurement interval can be optimized by solving a minimax problem on the mean integrity risk

### (3) Open Problem: Optimal Detection Statistic



Q: Is there a saddle point equilibrium for the differential game involving the induced trajectory and the detection statistic?

### (3) Progress: Saddle Point “In the Large”



		<u>Defender</u>	
		$q_{\chi^2}$	$q_{\chi^2}\text{-matched}$
<u>Attacker</u>	A	0.7	0.5
	B	0.6	0.9

cost to defender in terms of integrity risk



# Secure Perception for Autonomous Systems

## Challenge:

Ensure that autonomous systems are secure against sensor deception

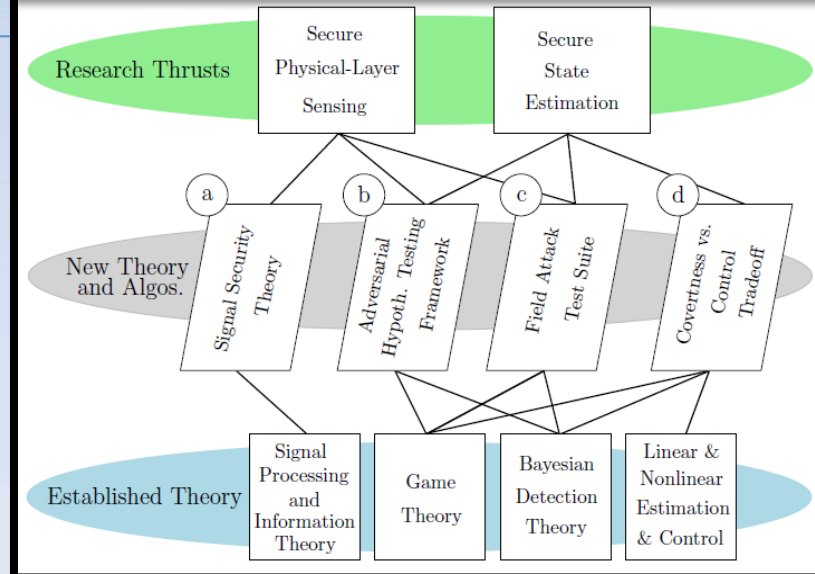


## Scientific Impact:

- Theoretical basis for measuring security of time-bearing signals
- Framework for adversarial hypothesis testing
- Suite of detection tests

## Solution:

- Physics of attack imposes fundamental difficulties on attack
- Physical layer: Exploit interaction with authentic signal
- State estimation: Optimize detection test for attack



## Broader Impact:

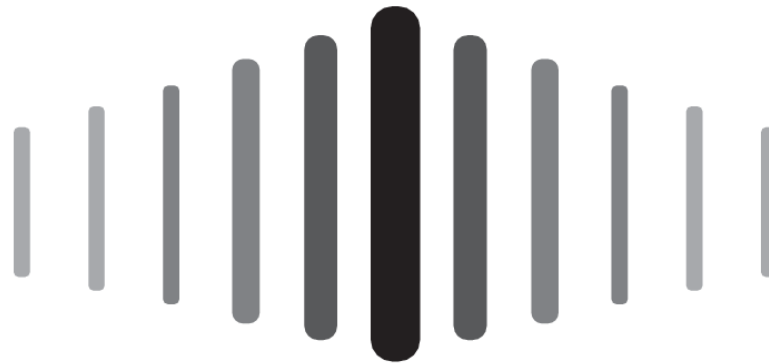
- Secure perception crucial for autonomous vehicles to safely enter airspace, roads, waterways across the globe
- \$100B market depends on trustworthy autonomy
- “Machine Games” testbed being developed at UT will lay bare problem of secure perception to next generation of engineers

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**Focus:** Secure navigation, timing, and collision avoidance



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