Challenges, current solutions and research directions regarding assured autonomy

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Perspective taken on assurance



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Autonomous vehicles vs. traditional

Autonomous Vehicles: no longer mechanical nor isolated

AMPLIFIED THREAT SURFACE !



Case for a holistic approach: Individualistic cars will worsen safety







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Towards Safe and Secure Autonomous and Cooperative Vehicle Ecosystems. Lima, A; Rocha, F; Volp, M; Verissimo, P. in Proc's 2nd ACM Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems Security and Privacy (2016, October) @CCS, Vienna-Austria

Contributions to certification mindset change (I)



Code-size gap in vehicle ecosystems

Faults in a well designed car may imply a **nonnegligible** probability of catastrophic failure



S-Vehicles





Privacy (2016, October) @CCS, Vienna-Austria

Perspective taken on assurance: how does the scenario change it



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Perspective taken on assurance: weakening the trust-trustworthiness link



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Perspective taken on assurance: bringing trustworthiness back high up



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Contributions to certification mindset change (II)

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Leveraging trusted-trustworthy components (aka TEE) with the right set of simple functions (failure detectors, monotonic counters, reliable timers and clocks, PRG, signatures, indelible logs, binary cons.



