

# Connected Vehicles Security, Privacy, and Economics



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Speaker  
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2011



2013



2013-2016



2016



2017



Standards



2011 →



# Introduction

Marketing notwithstanding, having permanently connected vehicles is not a good idea...

**Privacy & Data Protection:** has anyone given their consent when you bought your car?

(And still, modern cars are impressive (big) data generators)

**Cybersecurity:** not exactly considered among design parameters...



# Figures

- According to an IHS report connected vehicles in 2022 will be 82.6 M, up from 13.8 M in 2013.
- (how long until **all** vehicles are online?)
- "connected car systems will yield approximately \$14.5 billion in revenue from automotive data [...] by 2020."

*IHS Automotive, 2013.*



# Enjeu

Where all this money is coming from?

***"Big Data assets found in the connected car—  
diagnostics, location, user experience/feature tracking, and  
adaptive driver assistance systems/autonomy..."***

- IHS



# Data Wars

Winterkorn 2014 (@ VDA Congress):

***"We seek connection to Google's data systems, but we still want to be the masters of our own cars,"***

Or... data (and revenues) are our property (not Google's, and not the clients' either)

Traditional manufactures are very well aware of the economic value of big datasets.



## Under the hood

Modern vehicles carry with them not one but several data networks, a veritable mini-internet on wheels

Connected vs. Autonomous – Autonomous vehicles do not need a permanent connection to work, but they will be as well.

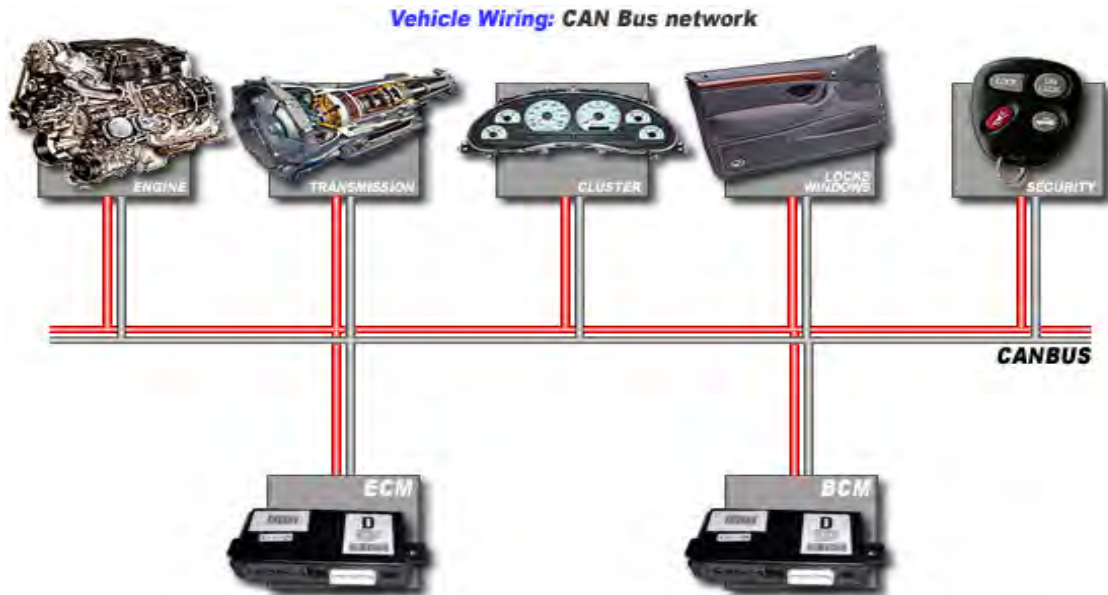
*Aside: much of what we are discussing applies to lorries, agricultural machines, etc. even if those domains present some peculiar stakeholders and characteristics*



# Under the hood

CAN bus (controller area network)

Specialized bus for automotive applications (CAN-C and CAN-IHS)



- Sensors and actuators
- Engine Control Module
- Body Control Module
- Interfaces and gateways

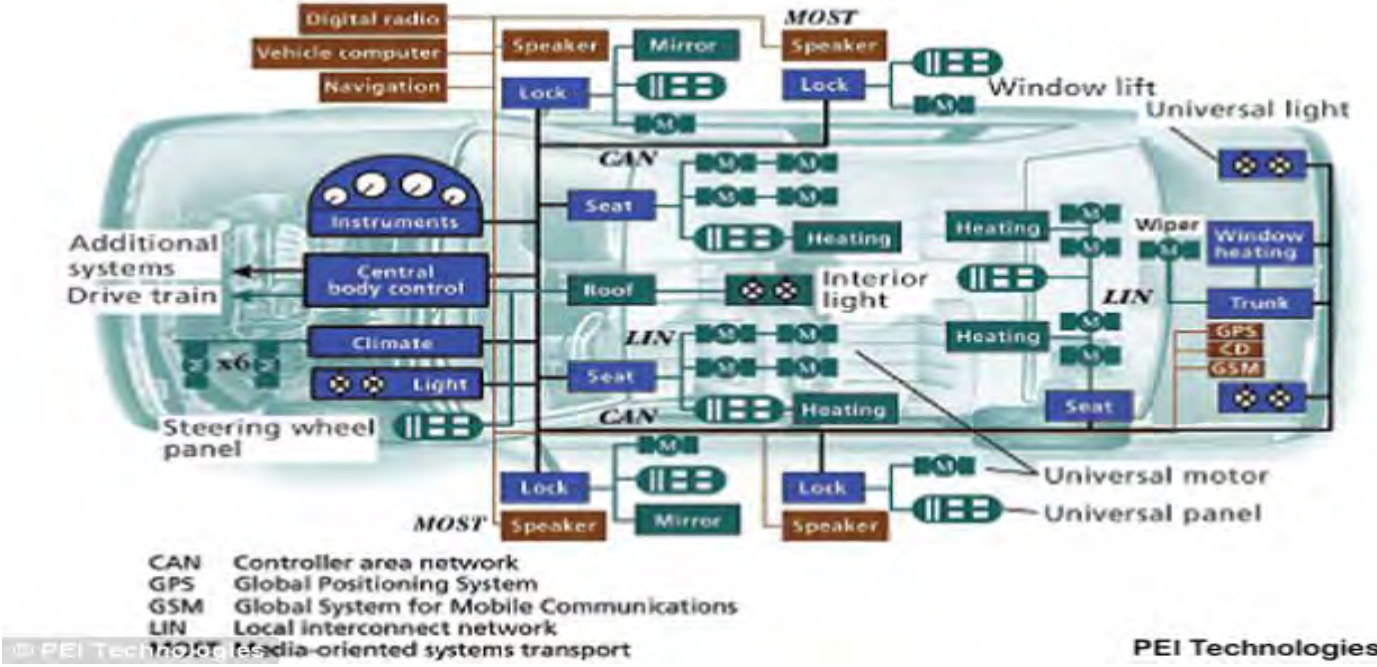
*Credit: canbuskit.com*






# Under the hood

CANbus is the leading networking technology sensors, actuators, computing. Actuators can now control totally the vehicle and the gap with true autonomy is closing fast



# Under the hood – Closing the Gap

OCTOBER 19

TSLA: 203.56 4.46 

## Tesla announces all production cars now have fully self-driving hardware

Fred Lambert · 1 week ago  @FredericLambert

TESLA

TESLA MODEL 3

AUTOPILOT

SELF-DRIVING



## Ways in...

- Infosec in vehicles relied traditionally on lack of physical access: OBD interfaces were the only access way (OBD is mandatory in Europe since 2001-2003, as EOBD).
- Now cheap OBD wireless dongles are easy to come by and can be accessed via app...
- USB ports.
- Short distance wireless:
  - Bluetooth / Wifi / Radio / Infrared
- Long range wireless:
  - LTE 4G Modem → 5G



# Cyber Safety

Huge attack surface

No more need for access to the OBD port, being in the vicinity is enough, and not even that if the car is connected to the Internet...

Some critical points beside access:

- Hard / Impossible to update or patch software
- Lack of awareness – both of the user but from the designers as well (see infotainment systems connected to essential systems).



# Cyber Safety

## FCA Jeep Cherokee (1.4 Million vehicles recalled in 2015)

- Radio connected to (both) CAN buses
- Uconnect (SO QNX) – connected both to critical systems and wifi/bluetooth interfaces



ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 07.24.15 12:30 PM

### AFTER JEEP HACK, CHRYSLER RECALLS 1.4M VEHICLES FOR BUG FIX



Miller attempts to rescue the Jeep after its brakes were remotely disabled, sending it into a ditch. ANDY GREENBERG/WIRED



# Beyond Safety

## Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV Hybrid

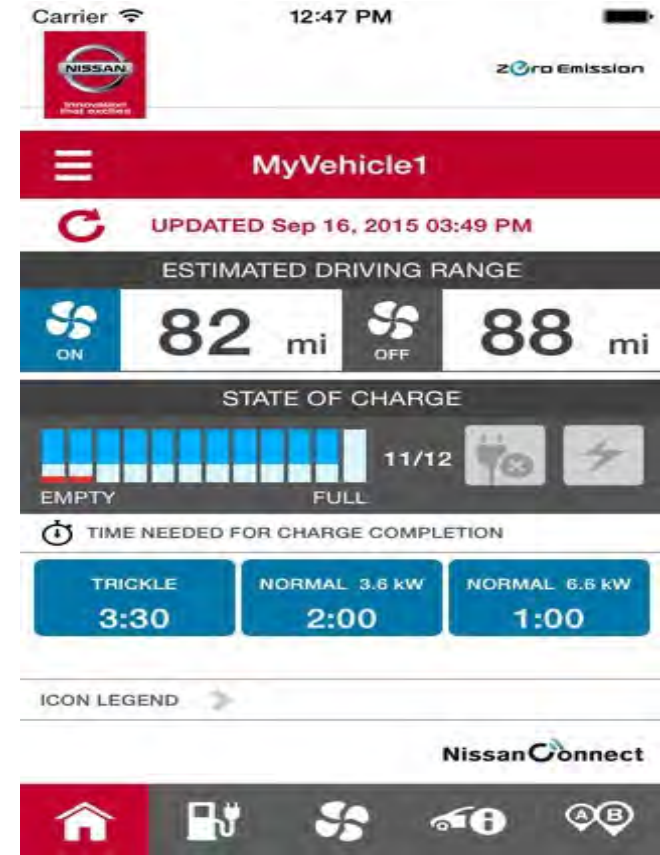
- AP Wifi. Same password for all cars, and conveniently available in the manual...
- ssid simple formats allowed attacker to **geolocalize** every car (through “*crowdsourced wardriving*” services)
- Once inside the internal network it was possible to reverse engineer the message protocol used by the app and... turn off the alarm, among other things...



# Beyond Safety

## Nissan Leaf

- App “Nissan Connect”
- VIN Number was enough for authentication
- And you can find it...



## (Big) Data

**Raw Data:** rpm, distribution, fuel level, instant speed, acceleration, GPS position, water temp, engine power, fuel pressure, oil pressure, oil level, tire pressures, throttle position, temperatures, instant torque, steering angle, turbo position...

**Calculated Values:** fuel consumption, mean speed, mean acceleration, code violations (speed + GPS), “driving style”

**Others:** phone cells, dash cam videos, music preferences...





# Control & Controllers

Who controls the use of these data?

A whole lot of stakeholders...

VDA Principles (2014):

- Vehicle-related data: the manufacturer.
- Personal Data (address, usage, infotainment): the user.
- Infotainment and maintenance data should be subject to deletion by the user.



## Control & Controllers

Consent mechanism is clearly inadequate for cars and almost always services are not available if consent is not given.

Blurred lines between personal data and simple technical data.



# Stakeholder 1/6

Not so brief list of actors involved

- Owner, driver (may not be the same person)
- Manufacturer
- Insurance companies and experts
  - Fees based on driving style
  - Damages evaluation and incident reconstruction



## Stakeholder 2/6

- Leasing companies
- Governments, government agencies, and the EU
  - Tax agencies – Interested in the owner, the vehicle and its use (personal or work)
  - Other administrations
  - eCall. Data actually used and transmitted, another connection not accessible to the user



## Stakeholder 3/6

- The Police
  - Accident Reconstruction
  - The car as a witness (against the driver in some cases). Data are seen by the Courts as “objective”, more reliable than human witnesses. e.g. GPS, accelerometers, speed, seat and belts sensors...
  - Can you refuse access?



## Stakeholder 4/6

- Fire Brigade, EMTs, rescuers, hospitals and health
  - Interested to number of people involved (seats) and gravity (belts on or off)
- Legal system
  - Lawyers, Courts, Expert Witnesses
- All suppliers of services connected to cars.



## Stakeholder 5/6

- Employers and fleet managers
- Road assistance
  - raw data useful in order to make repairs on the road
  - transmission to other subjects
- Rental companies
- Car sharing



## Stakeholder 6/6

- Taxi companies
- Repair shops
  - Independent and in-house
  - Integration with personal data in possess of the manufacturers...
  - Body shops





# The Economics

- The automotive sector is undergoing a deep transformation
- Entry barriers are lower, the boundaries are blurred: spaces and opportunities for new actors
- High innovation rate, shorter development cycles, new technologies
- Mobility itself is changing
  - New models of ownership
  - Integrated systems (ITSs)
- Laws and regulations



# Open Issues...

...for privacy and data protection

- Classification, consent
- Necessity and Proportionality
- Seemingly irrelevant or non-personal data can be used for individual profiling
- Personal data (places, journeys, phone calls etc)
- Hard to individuate the controller and processors
- Retention and disposal
- Different jurisdictions fracture the market (EU GDPR Vs. Non-EU)



## Open Issues...

...for safety and security

- Convenience over security, when it comes to vehicles it's dangerous for your physical well-being.
- Economic mechanisms that operate against information security. Hard to solve (security & safety by design)
- Standards and regulations



## Security – Possible Solutions

- Design software with fail modes from the ground up, incorporate hardware failsafe systems
- Manual override (it should be always possible to override the automation)
- Authentication! (at least for driving systems)
- Air-gapping critical systems



## And Privacy?

- Simpler privacy policies
- Better control of the data, functions to delete / manage data, even for technical telemetry
- Vertical regulations for data protection
- Actually, very little to do when the main stakeholder is the state (or the Union)



# Thanks for Your Time. Questions?

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