



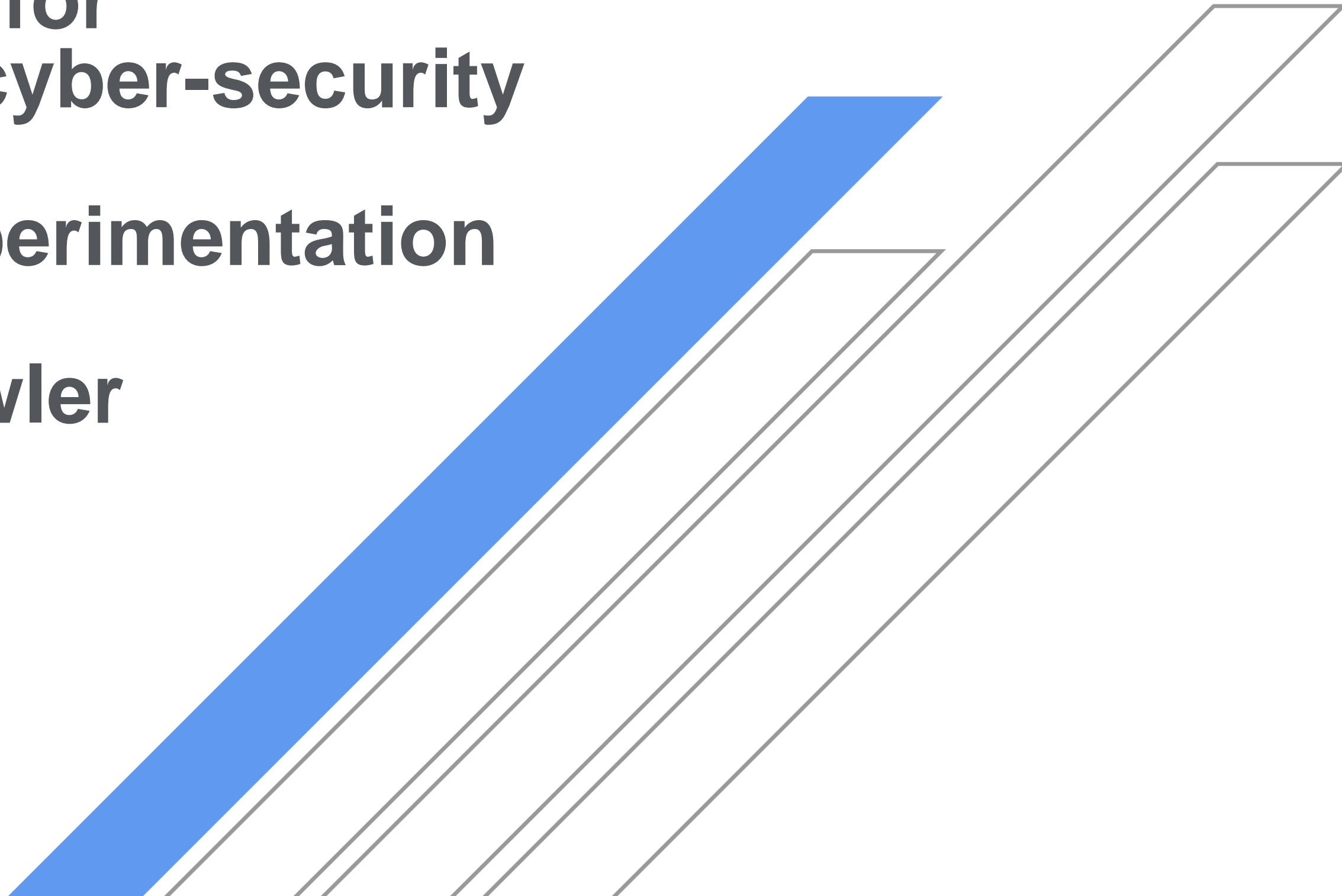
# Fuzz Testing for Automotive cyber-security

## Practical Experimentation

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# Coventry University & HORIBA MIRA Collaboration



## Coventry University

- Multidisciplinary teaching and research
- Centre of England
- Global vision
- Strong ties to automotive industries

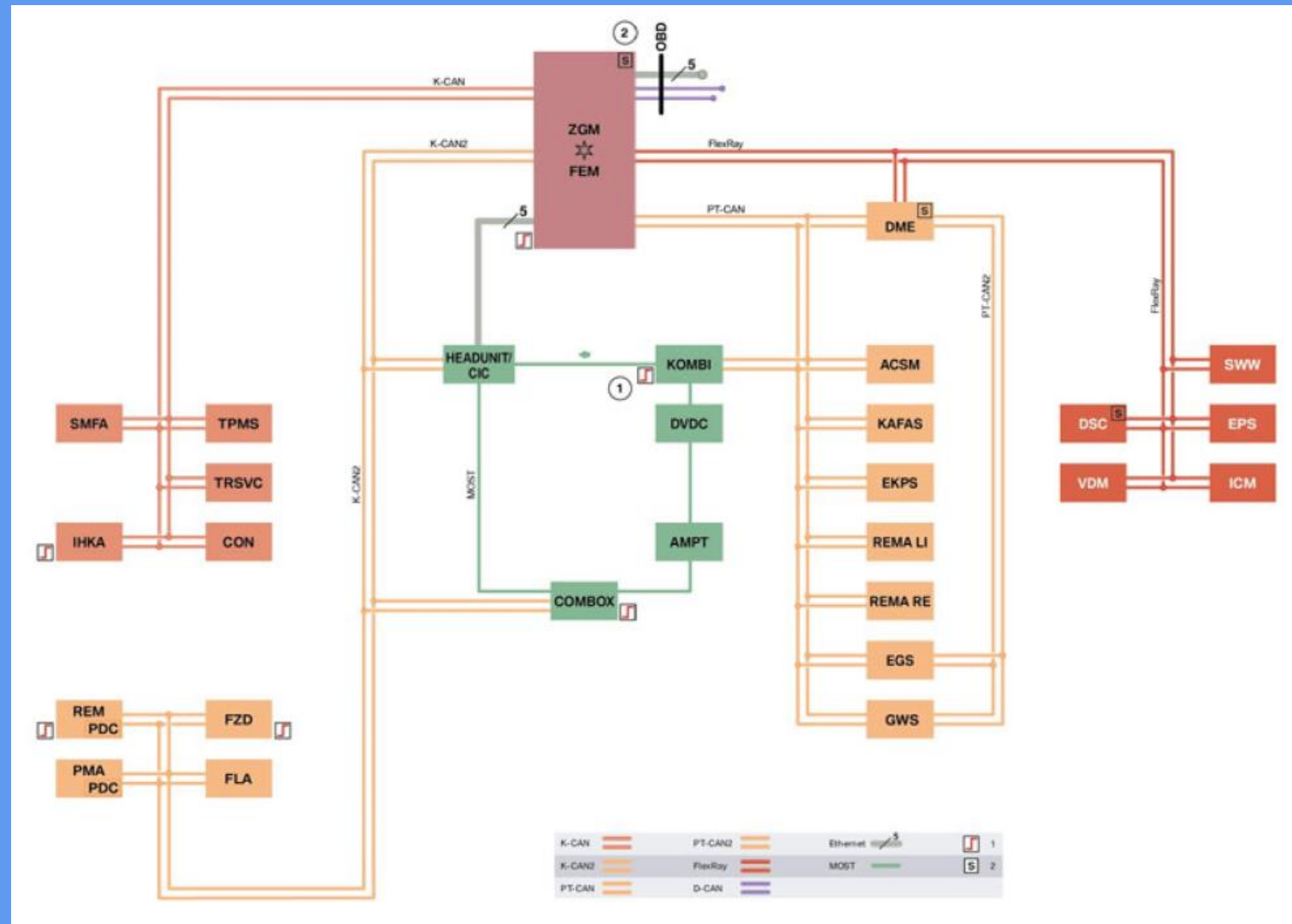


## HORIBA MIRA

- Also in central England at an ex-WWII airfield
- Engineering, research and test services
- Automotive, defence, aerospace and rail
- Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA)
- Owned by Japanese company HORIBA



# A Vehicle is a Hackable Cyber-Physical System



How can vehicle manufacturers test for cyber-security?

**Mercedes 'relay' box thieves caught on CCTV in Solihull**

27 November 2017 | Birmingham & Black Country

West Midlands Police

This man is using a relay box to receive a signal from the car key inside the house.

Relay car theft caught on camera

CCTV footage has been released showing thieves using a "relay" device, which receives a signal from the victim's key inside their home, to steal a car.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-42132689>

# What would be worst than Dieselpgate in the future?



Worst case scenario, a vehicle virus!

"One of the biggest risks for autonomous vehicles is somebody achieving a fleet wide hack." – Elon Musk

# What testing methods can be used for non-functional (security) testing?

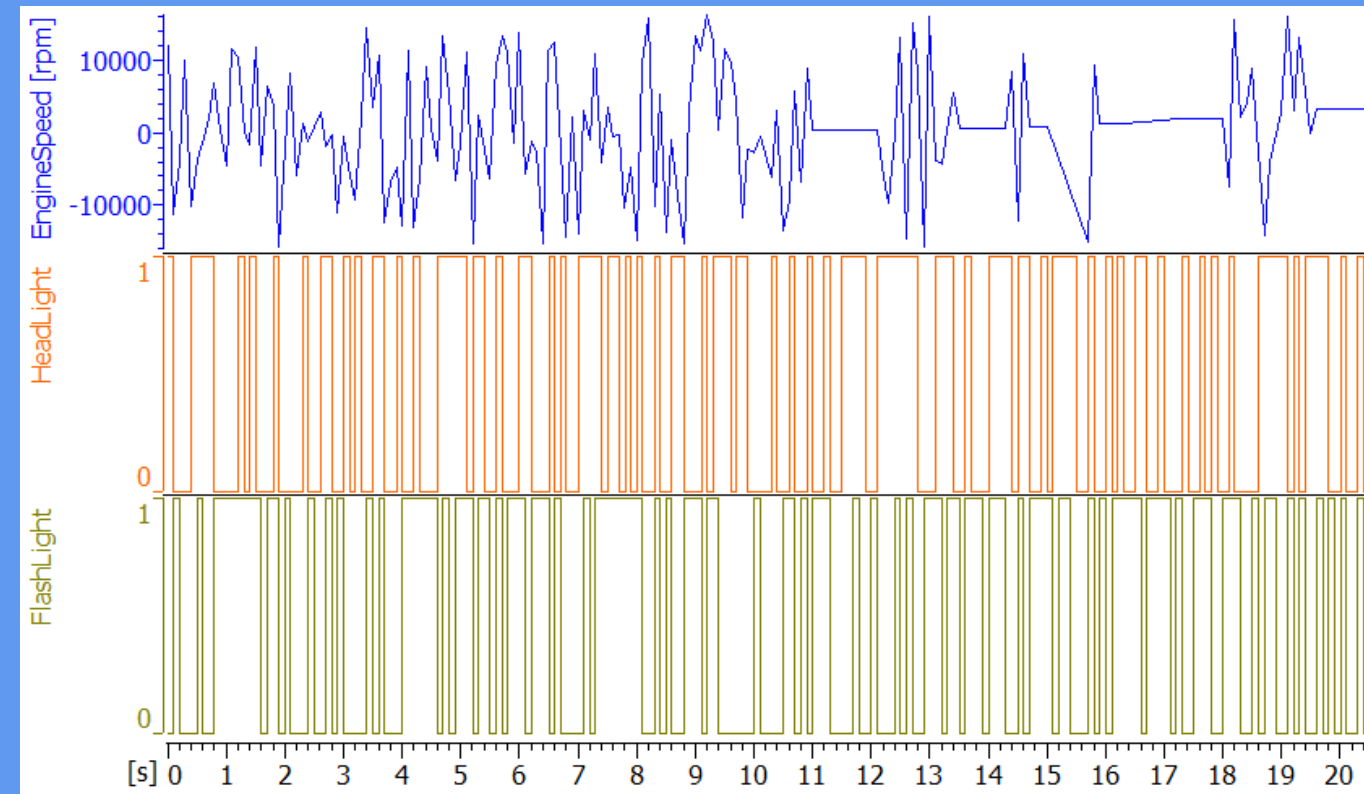
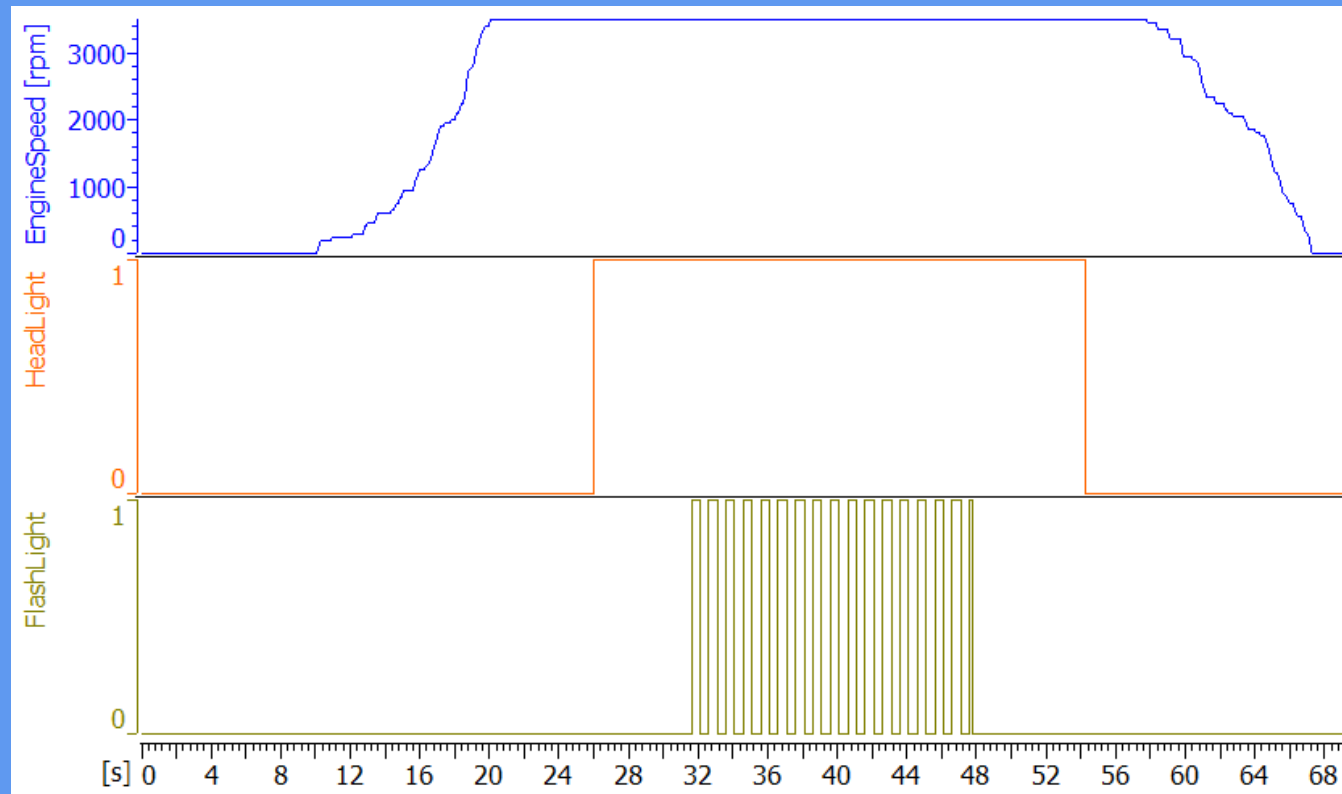


H. Altinger, F. Wotawa, and M. Schurius, "Testing methods used in the automotive industry: results from a survey," in Proceedings of the 2014 Workshop on Joining AcadeMiA and Industry Contributions to Test Automation and Model-Based Testing - JAMAICA 2014. San Jose, California: ACM, 2014, pp. 1–6

Should we use more tests that use random and mutated inputs, and huge data volumes?

If so, how do we make such tests useful?

# What is a fuzz test?



Normal signals

Random data injection

- A dynamic analysis test method.
- Well established in traditional IT systems testing.
- Monitor the system response to lots of random inputs.

# Target for Fuzzing



## Controller Area Network (CAN)

- commonality for vehicle network and components (ECUs)

FUZZING ELEMENTS OF A CAN DATA PACKET FOR THE TARGET VEHICLE

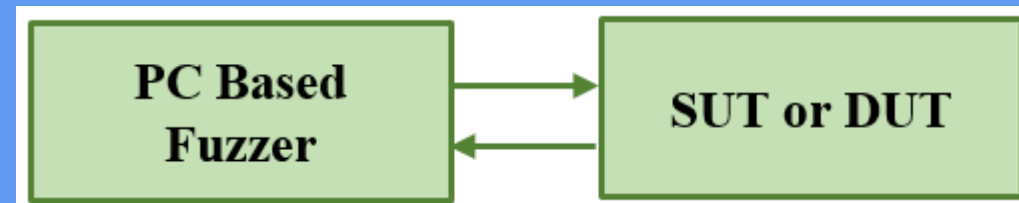
<i>Item</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Description</i>
CAN Id	{0,1,2,...,2047}	All standard message ids
Payload length	{0,1,2,...,8}	Vary message length
Payload byte	{0,1,2,...,256}	Vary payload bytes
Rate	> 0	Vary transmission interval

Straightforward and robust vehicle communications standard

However, designed pre-Internet, pre-Connectivity – designed without security



# A Windows PC Based CAN Fuzzer



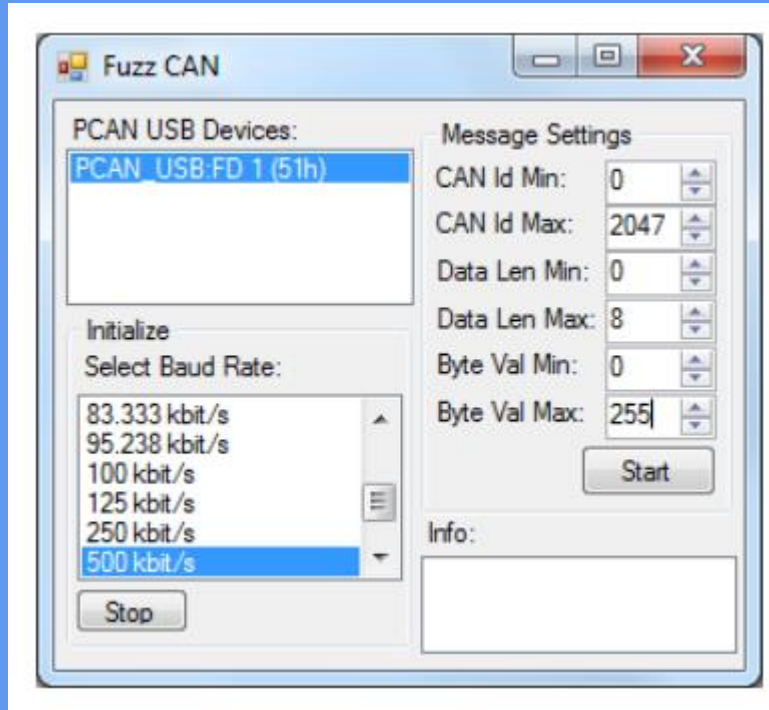
- Simple install
- Easy configuration
- Easy to use GUI
- USB to CAN connection

TABLE I  
AUTOMOTIVE CAN FUZZING TOOLS

<i>Tool</i>	<i>License</i>	<i>Approach</i>
beStorm	Commercial	Protocol based
Defensics	Commercial	Protocol based
CANoe/booFuzz	Mixed	Design based
Peach	Mixed	Protocol based
Custom software	As required	As required

- Existing fuzzers have a learning curve
- They are not designed specifically for CAN

# CAN Fuzzer



One of the configuration screens

SAMPLE RANDOM CAN PACKET OUTPUT FROM THE FUZZER

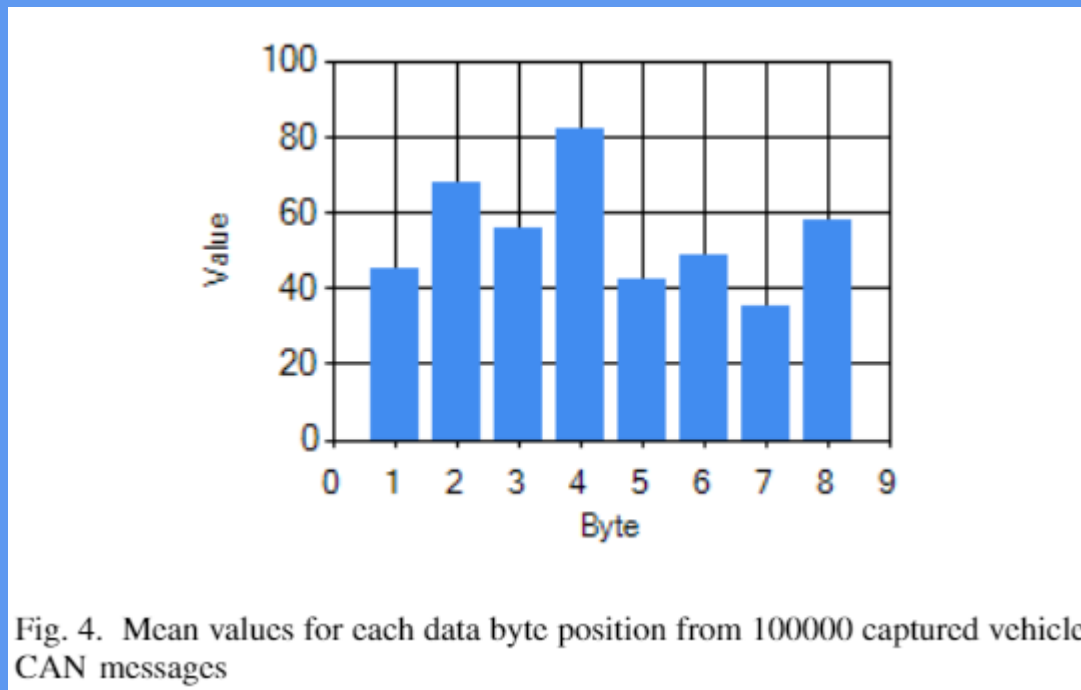
<i>Time (ms)</i>	<i>Id</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Data</i>
3031.094	000F	6	59 63 BA 5A 77 D5
3032.846	0442	2	AC D3
3035.022	02C4	3	49 01 D8
3036.734	0068	0	
3039.070	0694	5	F5 DA DA 03 A4
3040.854	065A	2	29 95

Example output

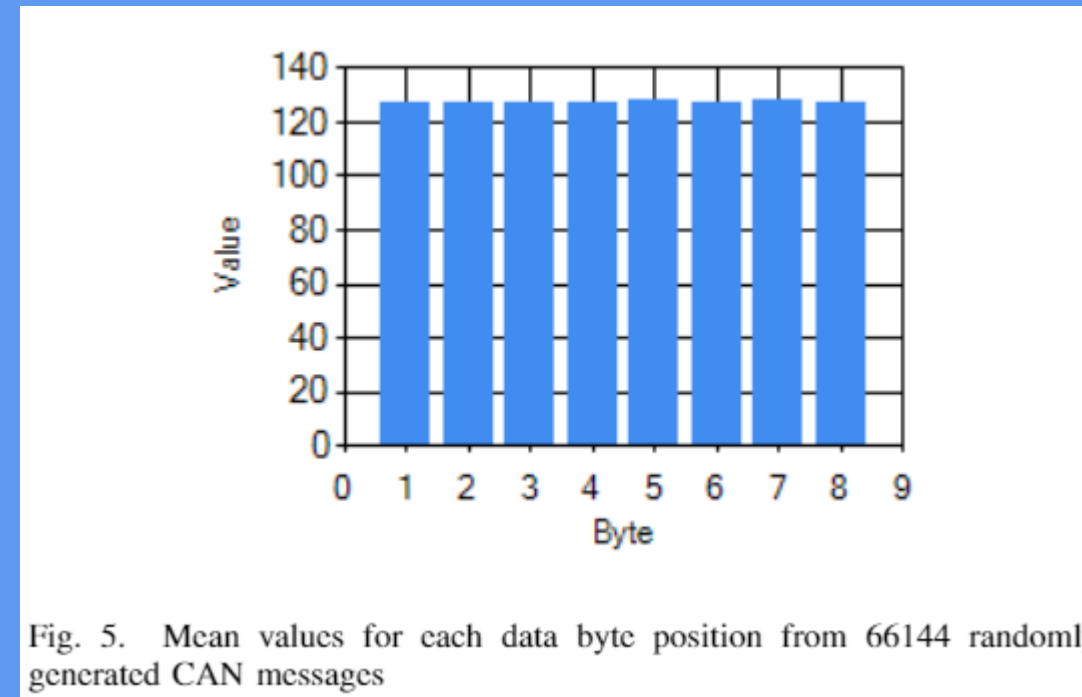


Sent to CAN

# Checking fuzzer output



Mean byte values from vehicle CAN data



Mean byte values from fuzzer generated CAN data

# Running The Fuzzer

What happens if vehicle systems are not designed to reject fuzzed data?



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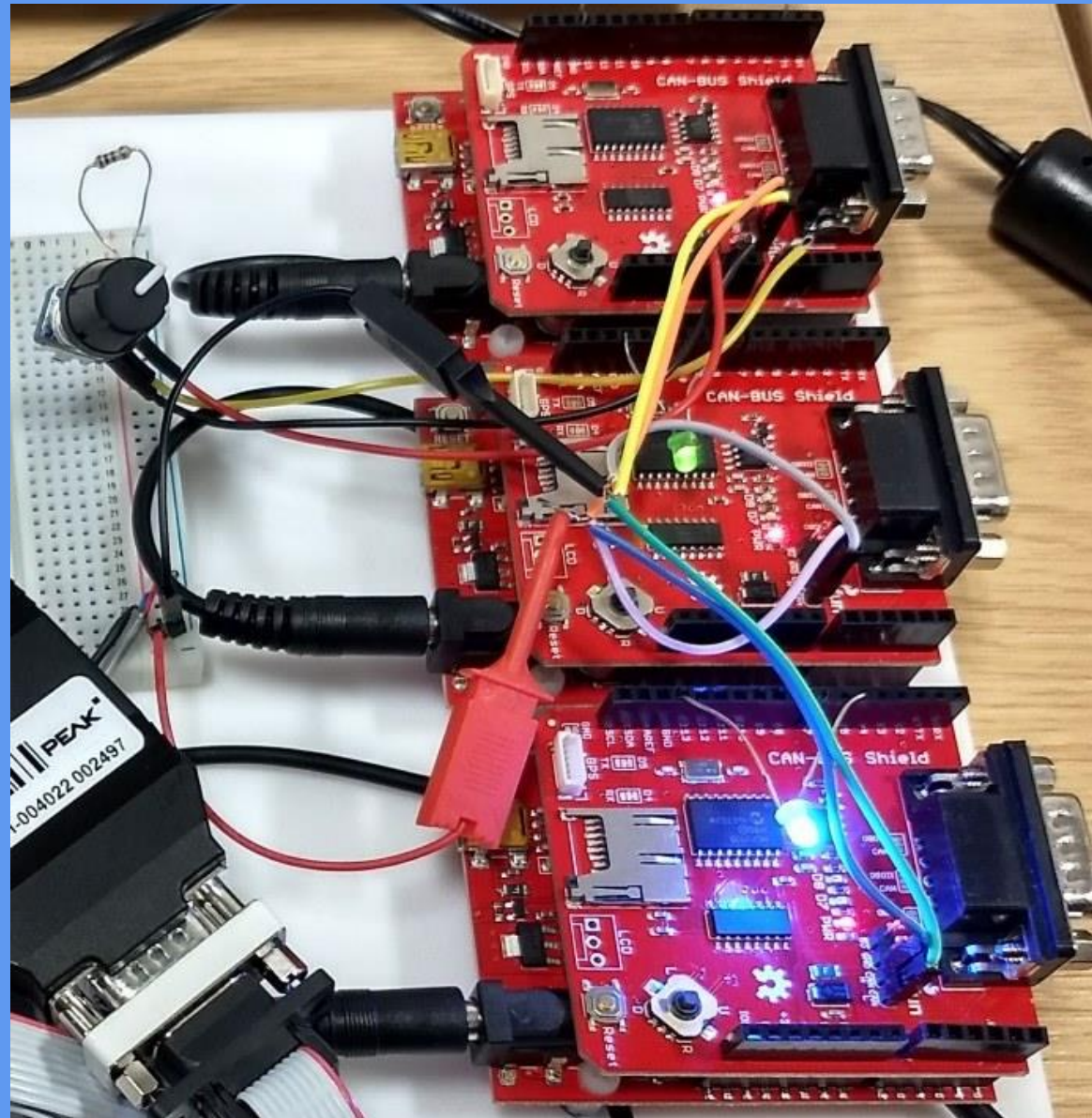
They are not safe!

## From - “Experimental Security Analysis of a Modern Automobile”

“In fact, because the range of valid CAN packets is rather small, significant damage can be done by simple fuzzing of packets (i.e., iterative testing of random or partially random packets). Indeed, for attackers seeking indiscriminate disruption, **fuzzing is an effective attack by itself.**”

K. Koscher, A. Czeskis, F. Roesner, S. Patel, T. Kohno, S. Checkoway, D. McCoy, B. Kantor, D. Anderson, H. Shacham, and S. Savage, "Experimental Security Analysis of a Modern Automobile," in Security and Privacy (SP), 2010 IEEE Symposium on, 2010, pp. 447–462

# Test Bench Target

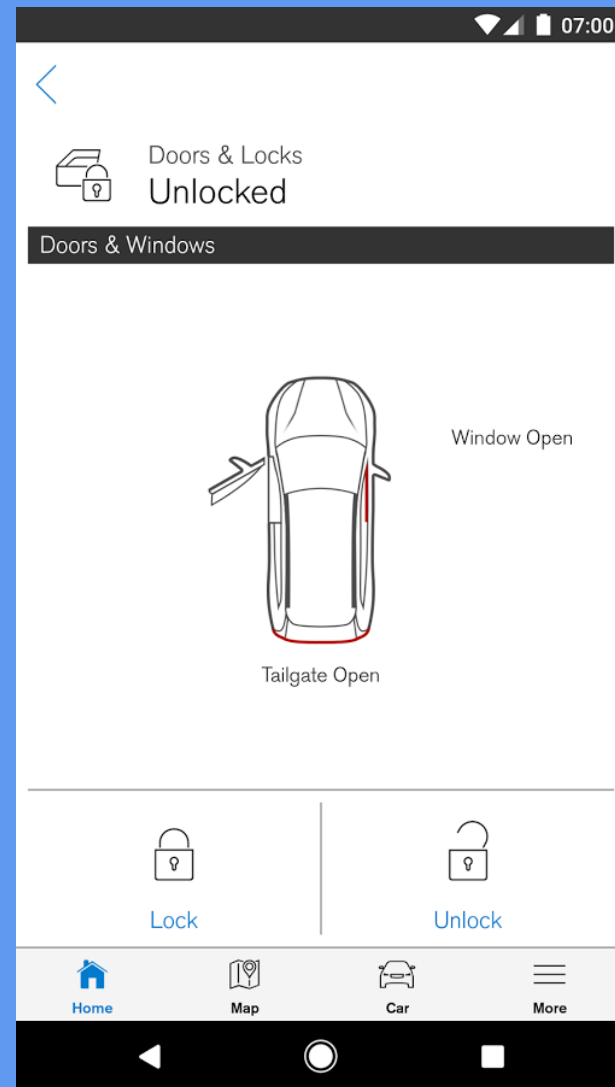


Three Arduino “ECUS”

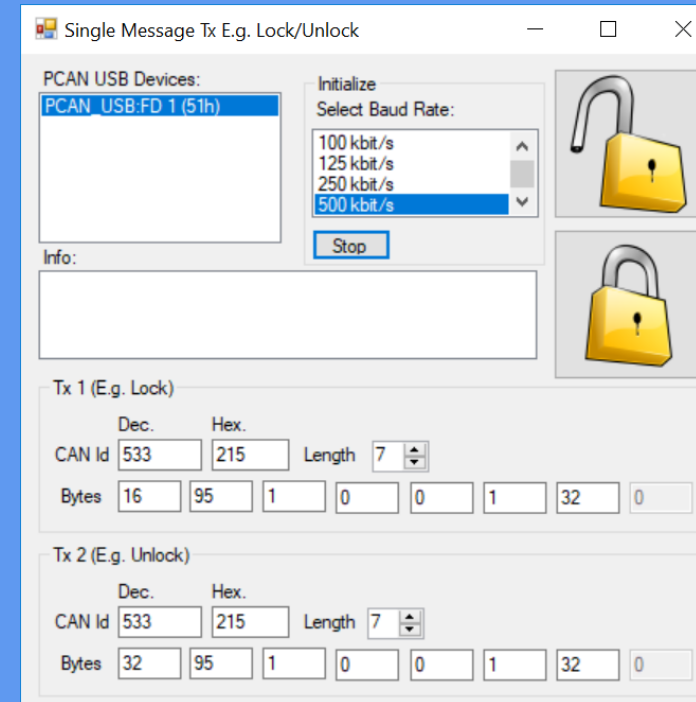
CAN bus

CAN to USB for PC  
Interface

# Scenario



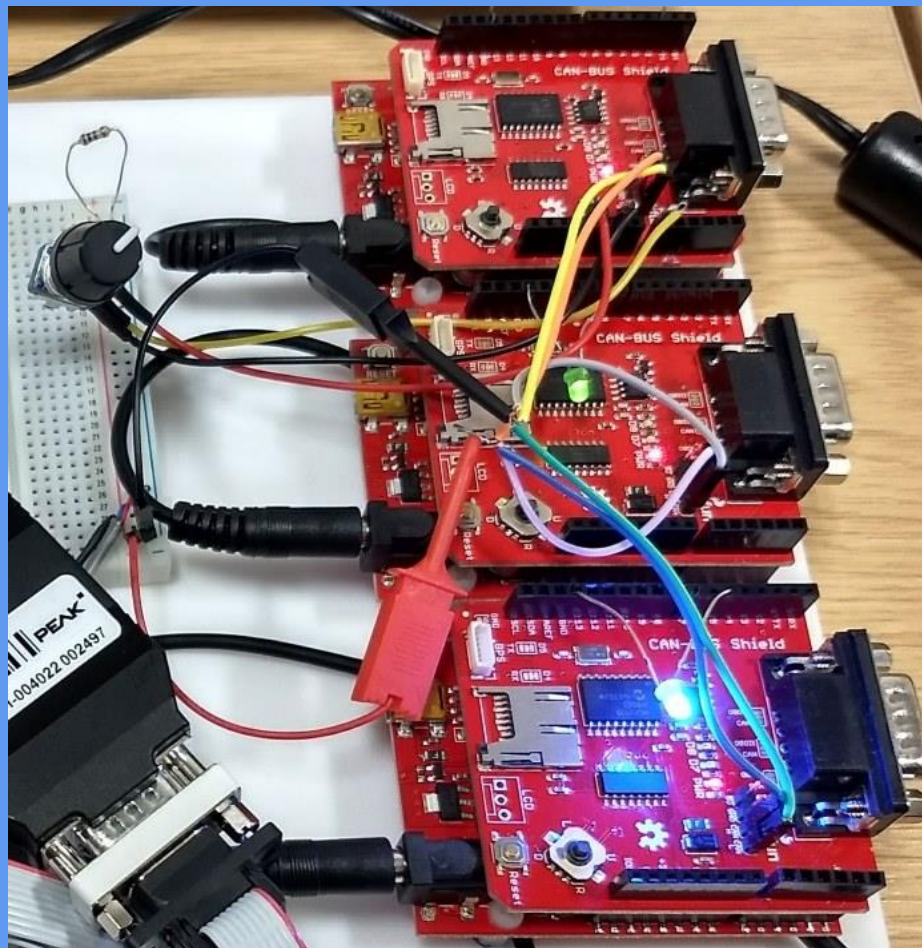
Unlocking via an app



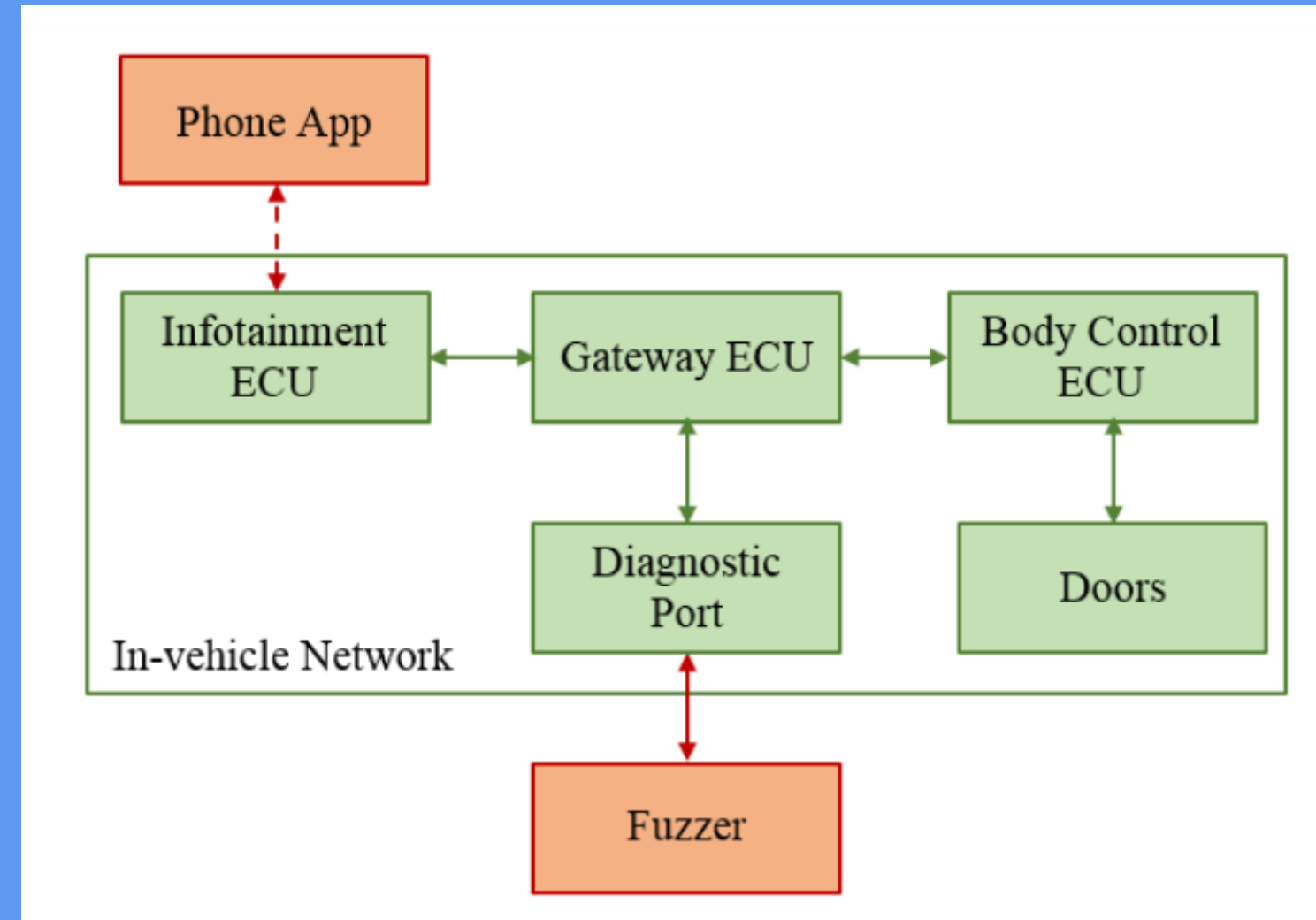
PC Implementation



# Target of Evaluation



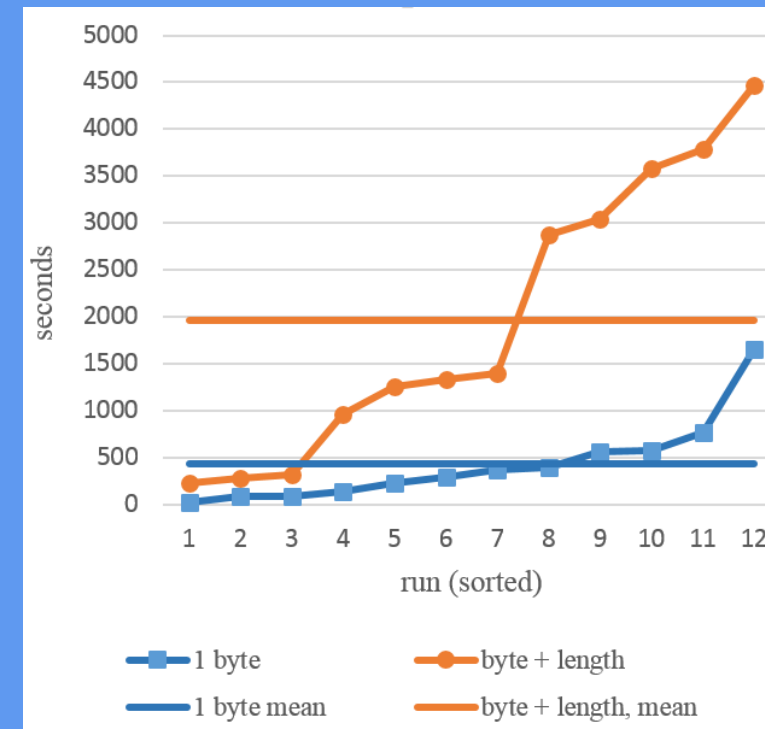
LED on, door unlocked



# Fuzzing for Reverse Engineering

FUZZER RUN TIMES TO ACTIVATE UNLOCK

<i>Message</i>	<i>Times (s)</i>	<i>Mean (s)</i>
Single id and byte	89, 1650, 373, 400, 223, 143, 773, 292, 21, 559, 572, 80	431
Single id, byte plus data length	3039, 222, 1258, 1330, 314, 277, 959, 3788, 2872, 4472, 3581, 1394	1959



- Fuzzer finds unlock command
- Changing message increases find time

# Pure Random CAN fuzzing not practical

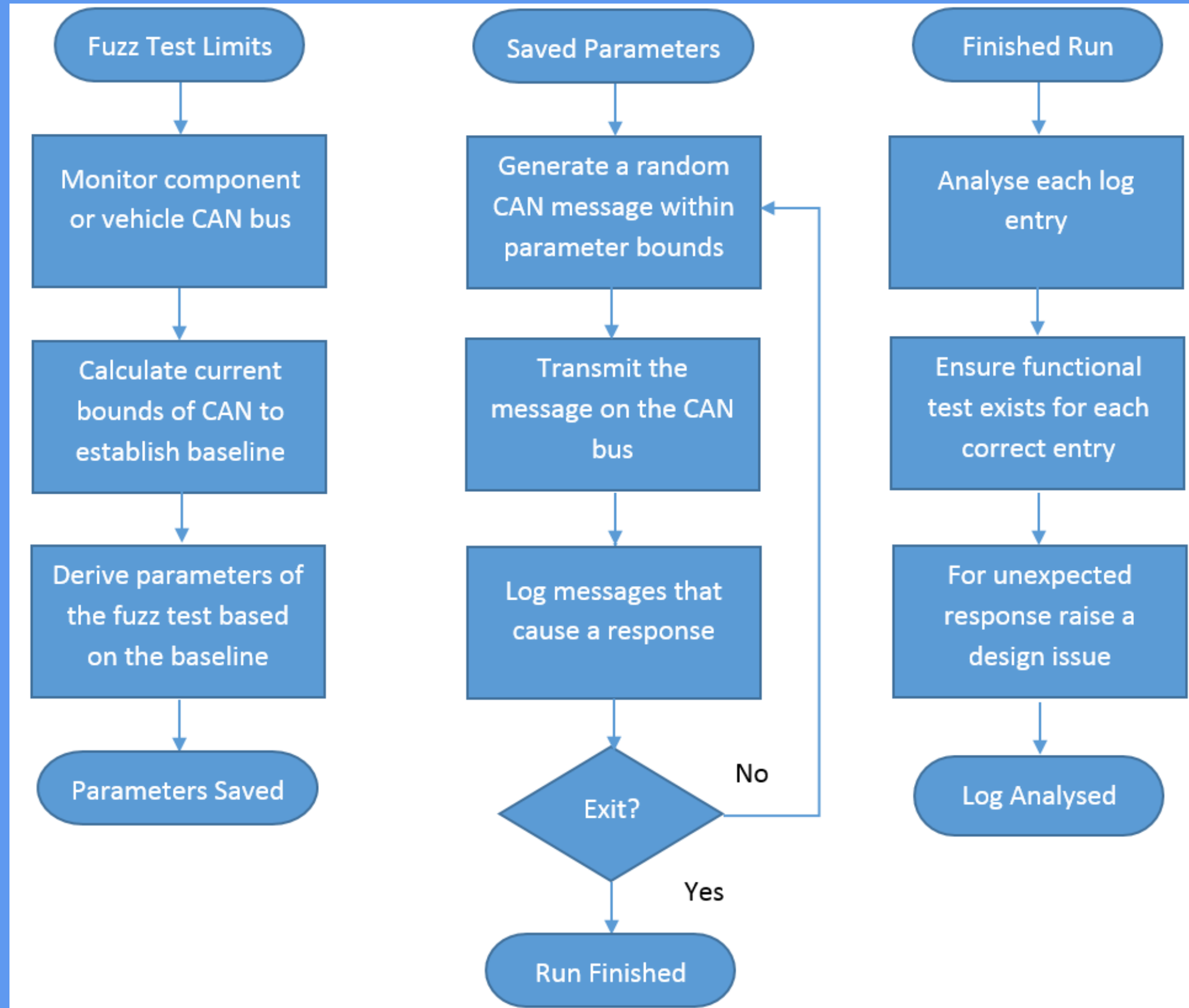
	seconds	days	data bytes
2048	2.048	0.0000237037037	0
524288	524.288	0.006068148148	1
134217728	134217.728	1.553445926	2
34359738368	34359738.37	397.682157	3
8796093022208	8796093022	101806.6322	4
2.2518E+15	2251799813685	26062497.84	5
5.76461E+17	576460752303424	6671999448	6
1.47574E+20	1.47574E+17	1708031858677	7
3.77789E+22	3.77789E+19	437256155821264	8

@1000hz

Not possible to test every CAN message

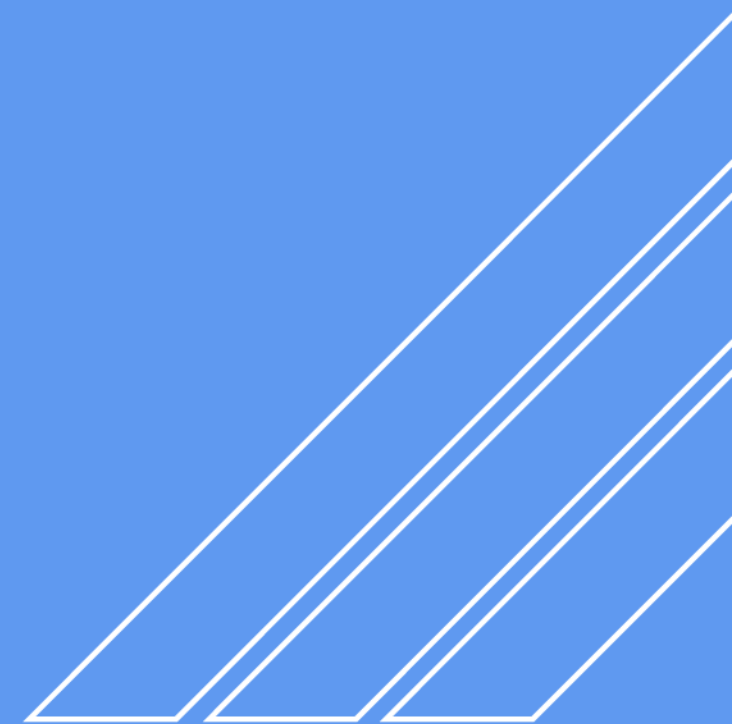
# What Next?

## Developing a Fuzz Test Methodology



## Uses for Fuzz Test Methods

- *Detection* – Finding known ECU, component, or vehicle functionalities. (Reverse engineering.)
- *Discovery* – Finding unknown ECU, component, or vehicle functionalities. (Undocumented functions.)
- *Intrusion* – Overcome security mechanisms. (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)
- *Assurance* - Ensure confidence in ECU, component, or vehicle specifications. (Maintain a safe state under cyber attack.)



# Observations

- Literature
  - Few sources on fuzz testing automotive systems
  - Few how-to and reproducible methods
- A fuzz test is potentially destructive, need manufacturer support
- Fuzzing can break security properties (the CIA triad)
  - Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
- Pure fuzz testing not practical, and it must be automated
- Cyber-Physical Systems monitoring must be considered
- A fuzz test is one part of the security assurance solution
- What about sensors, HMI, wireless, V2X?
  - Scope for further contributions

