Introduction to Cyber Security Issues for Transportation

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Cyber Security is One of the Most Serious Potential Risks in Transportation

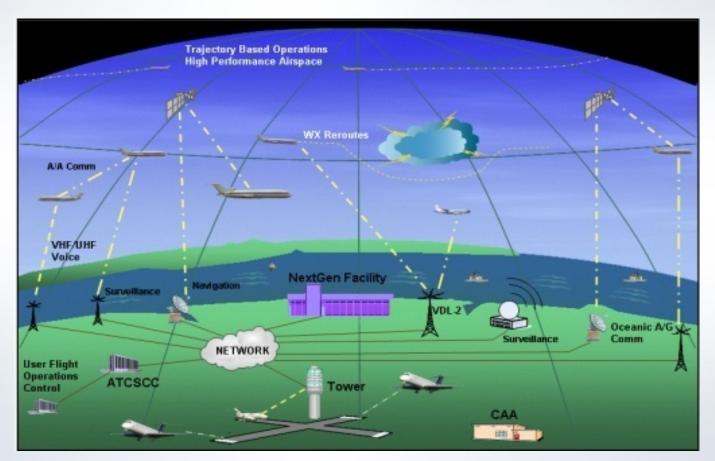
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We're Increasingly Dependent on the Digital Infrastructure



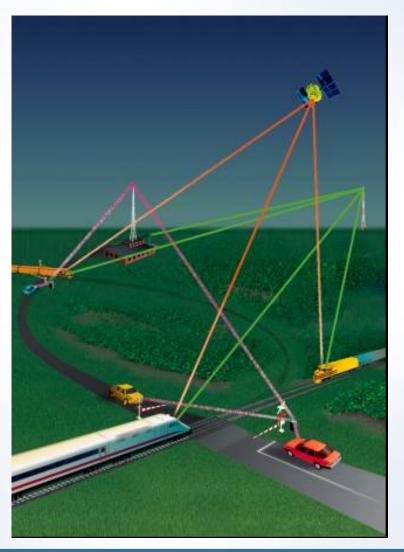
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...Positive Train Control

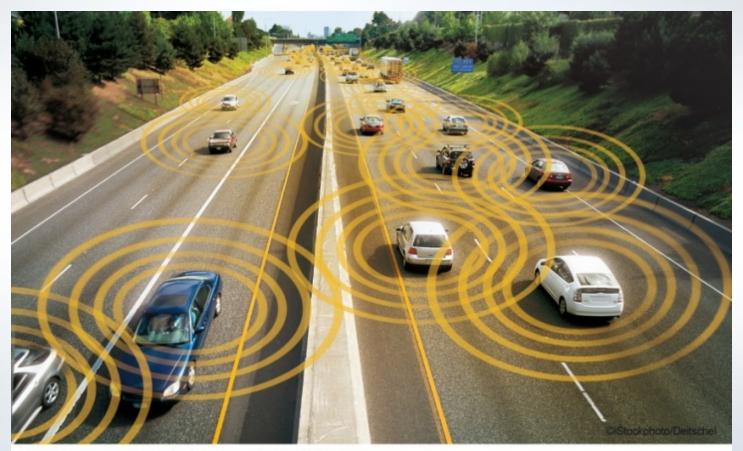


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...Intelligent Transportation Systems



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...Intermodal Ports



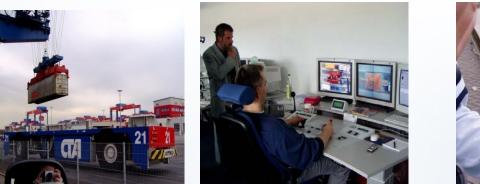
Terminal Operations & Management



Automated Gates



Physical Security



Crane Monitoring and Control



Wireless Devices & Tracking

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E-enabled Vehicles Are Now the Norm



Transit Vehicles are E-enabled

RF Cellular Wi-Fi WiMAX DSRC

Control Domain

Vehicle Controls

Vehicle Diagnostics

Traffic Signal Priority

Video Surveillance

Duress Alarms

Vehicle Immobilizers



Operations Domain Automated Dispatching Vehicle Location Route/Schedule Status Passenger Counters Stop Annunciation Electronic Payments

Infotainment Domain

Customer use of Wi-Fi and WiMAX

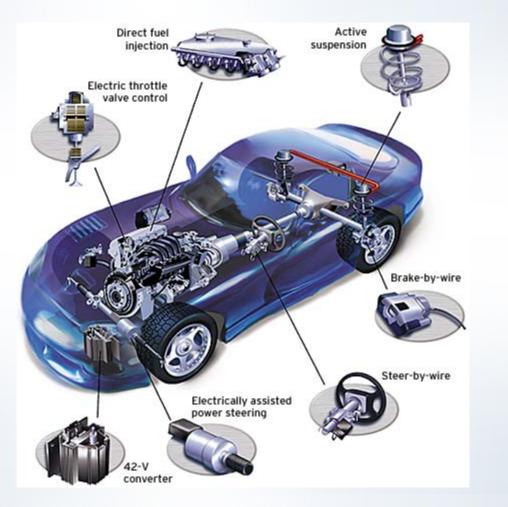
Real-time Travel Info & Trip Planning

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Automobiles and Trucks Are E-enabled



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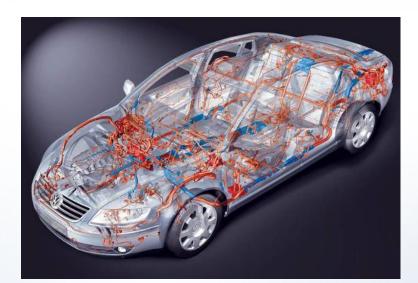
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We're Demanding Connectivity and Increasing the Potential Attack Surface

Satellite Cellular WiFi Radio DSRC

Blue Tooth & RF

Wireless Sensors



CD & MP3

Mechanics' Diagnostic Tools

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Cyber Security Threats are Increasing



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Frequent Hacks Into Highway Dynamic Message Signs



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AHEAD

Insider Threat Impacted Traffic Management Center & Signaling



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Researchers Revealed Potential Vulnerabilities in Automobiles



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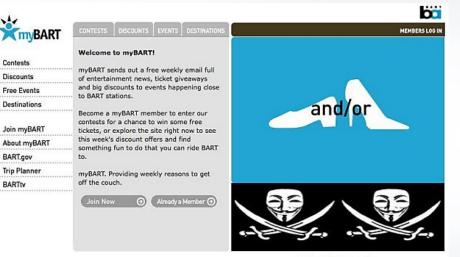


Recent Hybrid Attacks on Transit

"No Justice No BART" – Physical Attacks

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"Anonymous" - Cyber Attacks







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Even "Isolated" Legacy Systems Are Vulnerable

14 Year Old Boy Derails Polish Trams, January 2008



- 4 light rail trains derailed, 12 people hurt
- Used modified television remote controller
- Locks disabling switch when vehicle present not installed

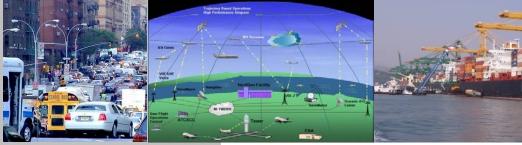
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Need a Complete Understanding of the Systems, Interdependencies & Importance





Cyber-physical Control Systems

Traffic Control & Operations Management Systems



Safety Management Systems



Traveler & Operator Services: 511, E-commerce, E-payment

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Must Understand Dependencies on Critical Information

Example: Fatal SpanAir Crash



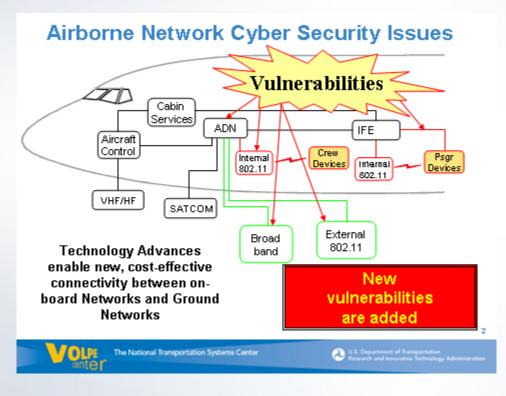
- Cause: pilot error
 - Failed to deploy flaps
 - Warning disabled
- Related factor: Virus in management system
 - Virus had slowed maintenance management system
 - Data not entered
 - Would have grounded plane

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Understanding and Risk Mitigation Requires Collaboration



Example: Airborne Network Security

- Designers & manufacturers
- Equipment suppliers
- System integrators
- Expert consultants
- University & government researchers
- Testing organizations
- Users (airlines)
- Infrastructure operators
- Standards organizations
- Certifiers and regulators

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Best Practice: Collaboration on Airborne Network Security

Manufacturing



Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, Astronautics, ARINC, CMC Electronics, Curtiss-Wright, General Electric, Panasonic, Rockwell-Collins, Thales

American Airlines, British Airways, Delta Airlines, Lufthansa, United Airlines

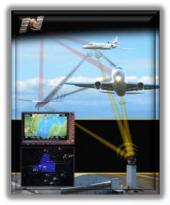
Airline Operations



Equipment / Engineering

Funding / Strategic Direction

Airborne Network



Subject Matter Experts

Research / Facilities

Security Simulator



Government

FAA, U.S. Air Force, Defense Information Systems Agency, Dept of Homeland Security (DHS), DOT Volpe Center, UK Center for Protection of National Infrastructure, UK Computer and Electronic Security Group

Wichita State University, Louisiana Tech University



Academia

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We Must Build Security Into the Process to Ensure the Resilience of the Overall System



Risk assessments Standards Design practices Certification Maintenance & Ops

Goals: systems safety, security, reliability and resilience

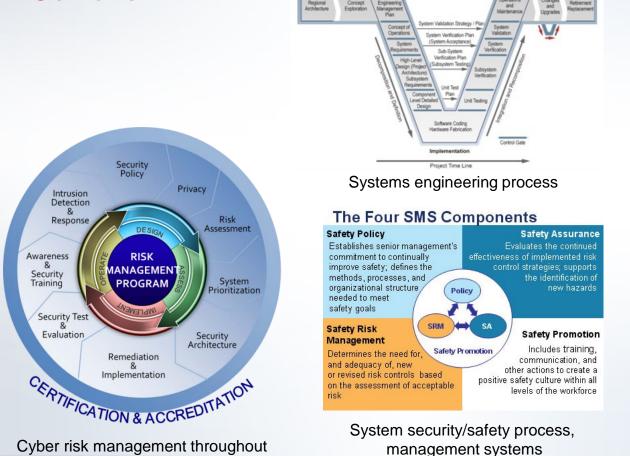
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Create a Cyber Security Eco System: Incorporate Security Into the Design Process, SMS's & the Safety Culture

and culture



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Certification process

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the systems development life cycle

Strategy Must Address Life Cycle

Create a cyber security eco-system (like Fire Safety)

- Identify systems, connections & interdependencies
- Assess vulnerabilities and risks
- Identify and use best practices and standards
- Include cyber security in design specs and acquisitions
- Collaborate with IT, physical security & other groups
- Develop polices and procedures for cyber security
- Motivate employees with training, exercises & "hot triggers"
- Make sure that systems and operations are resilient (i.e. layers, detection, incident response, COOP)
- Develop organization-wide strategic plan linked to funding

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Cyber Security Resources and Tools

- TSA Transportation Systems Sector Cyber Working Group
 - Newsletter, monthly meetings, summit, training, case studies
- DHS Control System Security Program Transportation
 - Assessments (i.e. CSET), information sharing, standards, training
- Industry associations
 - APTA Control & Communications Security Working Group
 - AAR Rail Information Security Committee
 - SAE Automotive Systems Security Committee
 - RTCA SC216 Aeronautical System Security Committee
 - AAPA Security Committee
- TRB Transportation Cyber Security Sub Committee
- Information Sharing and Analysis Centers & Computer Emergency Response Teams
- DOT Volpe Center Transportation Cyber Security Team/Lab

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