



| Inaugural Symposium on Vehicle Security and Privacy (VehicleSec 2023) |

# Formally Verified Software Update Management System in Automotive

Jaewan Seo, Jiwon Kwak, Seungjoo Kim†

† Corresponding Author

This work was partly supported by Institute of Information communications Technology Planning Evaluation (IITP) grant funded by the Korea government(MSIT) (No.2018-0-00532, Development of High-Assurance(EAL6) Secure Microkernel, 50) and Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement(KAIA) grant funded by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (Grant 23AMDP-C162334-03, Research and Development on Integrated Automotive Cybersecurity Assurance Technologies, 50)





# Who are we ?

# Who are we ?

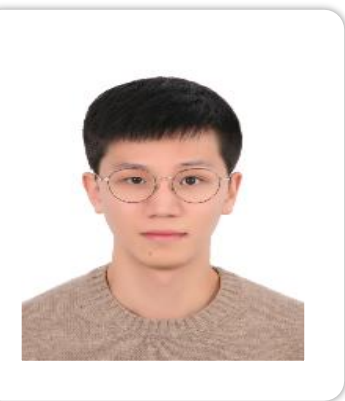
## ✔ ABOUT US



**Jaewan Seo**

Korea University  
bace@korea.ac.kr

**Jaewan Seo** is a graduate student(Master Course) at SANE Lab in Korea University. His research interest is automotive security, security engineering, threat modeling, security assessment



**Jiwon Kwak**

Korea University  
jwkwak4031@korea.ac.kr

**Jiwon Kwak** is a graduate student(Ph.D. Course) at SANE Lab in Korea University. His research interest is security engineering, high-assurance system, threat modeling, formal method

# Who are we ?

## ✔ ABOUT US



**Seungjoo Kim**

(Corresponding Author)

**Korea University**

[skim71@korea.ac.kr](mailto:skim71@korea.ac.kr)

**Seungjoo (Gabriel) Kim** has been a professor at the School of Cybersecurity in Korea University from 2011. For the past 7 years he was an associate professor in Sungkyunkwan University and had 5 years of background as a team leader of KISA(Korea Internet & Security Agency).

In addition to being a professor, he is a director of AR<sup>2</sup>C(Army RMF Research Center), a director of CHAOS(Center for High-Assurance Operating Systems), a head of SANE(Security Assessment aNd Engineering) Lab, an adviser of undergraduate hacking club CyKor(DEFCON CTF 2015 & 2018 winner) at Korea University, and a founder/advisory director of an international security & hacking conference SECUINSIDE. Since 2018, he has been a review board member of Black Hat Asia.

His research interests lie primarily in building "inherently secure, high-assurance, and provably secure systems and architectures" & "composable and scalable secure systems".

# Topic

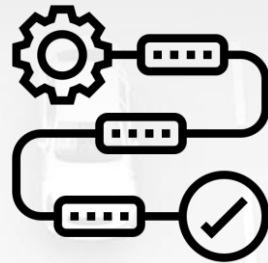
01



Motivation  
&  
Our research

The reason why  
we conducted  
the Research  
&  
Explain how  
we do that

02



Threat  
Modeling

Explain the  
process and result of  
threat modeling

03



Formal  
Method

Explain the formal model  
of our proposal  
&  
Verification result

04



Conclusion

Briefly conclude  
our research  
&  
Future research

# Motivation

## Automotive Cybersecurity

Fiat Chrysler recall 1.4m vehicles !

2016

Steelcon 2016  
Hacking the Nissan Leaf

Tesla recalls 135,000 Model X, Model S  
for safety issues !

2018

BlackHat Europe 2018  
Tool(PASTA: Portable Automotive Security Testbed) for researchers and budding car hacking experts is suggested.

2020

The consumer group "Which?"  
exposes security flaws that range from remotely exposing private, customer information in Ford, VW.

2015

BlackHat USA 2015  
Remote Exploitation of an Unaltered Passenger Vehicle



2017

BlackHat USA 2017  
Over-The-Air: How We Remotely Compromised the Gateway, BCM, and Autopilot ECUs of Tesla Cars



2019

Autosec 2019  
Modern vehicle hacking

UN Regulation is announced !

# Motivation

## ☑ UN Regulation

- To ensure cyber security for vehicles, UNECE has announced that OEMs must comply with a series of UN Regulations.

Hey vehicle manufacturers !

**All new vehicle type** should comply with UN R Series **since 2022.07**

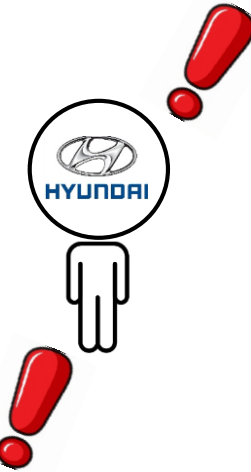
**After 2024.07 All the vehicle** should comply with this series.

If not ? **You can't export** your vehicles in the Europe

**It is Mandatory !**



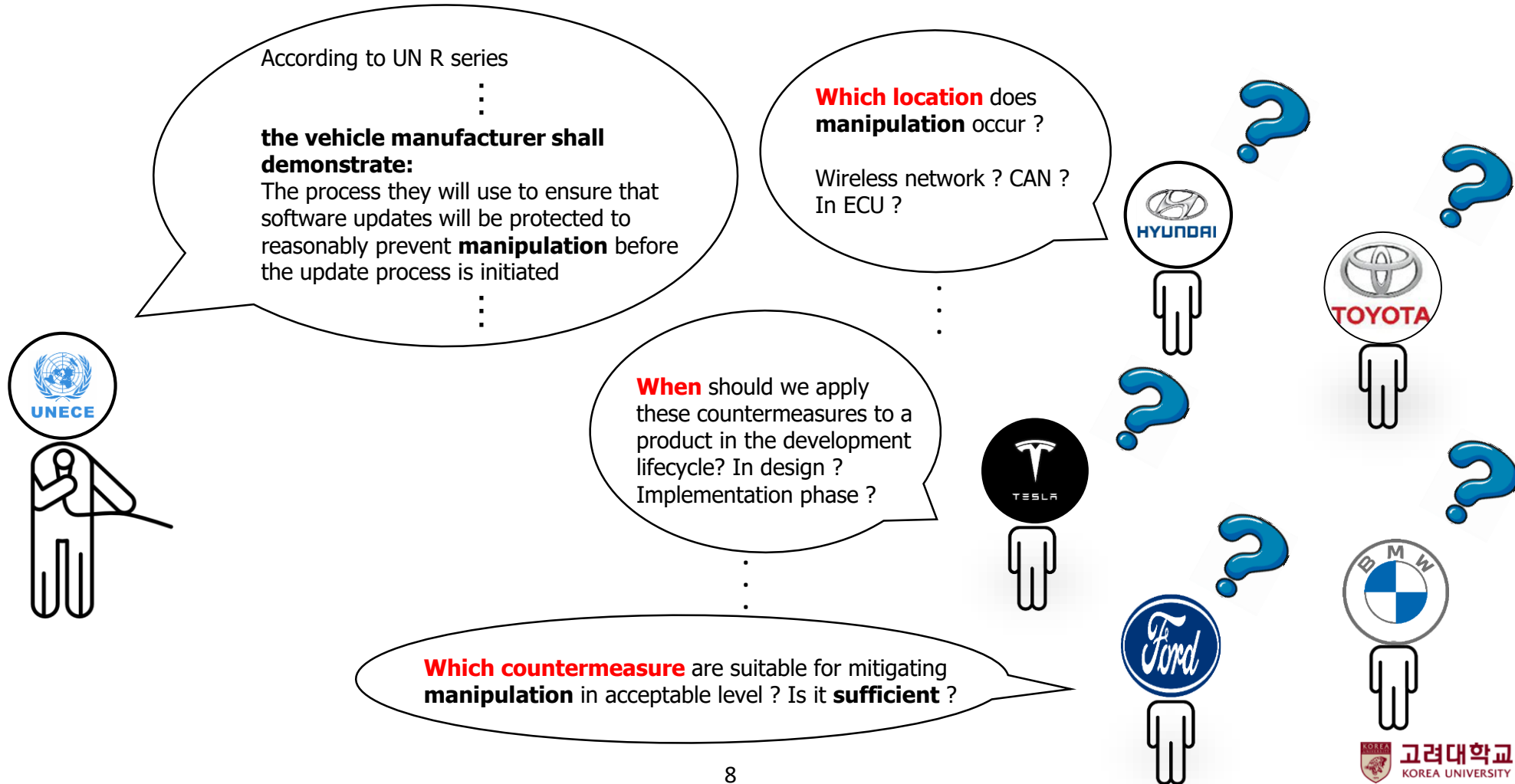
Okay, what should we do ?



# Motivation

## ① UN Regulation

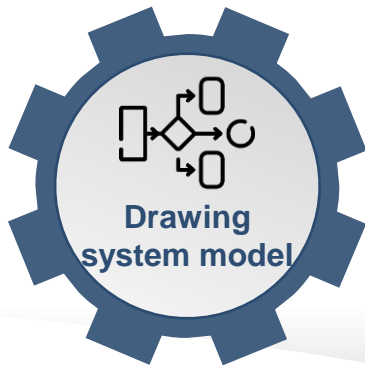
- It is too difficult for OEMs to develop vehicles following UN Regulation series





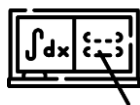
# Our Research

## ✔ Overview

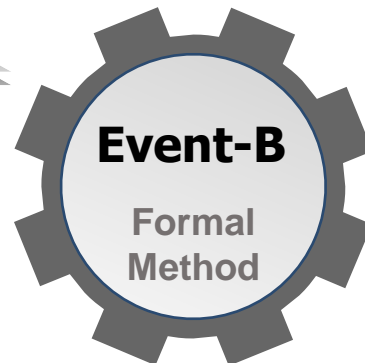


**Threat Modeling**

**Designing Secure SUMS Architecture**



**Formal Specification**



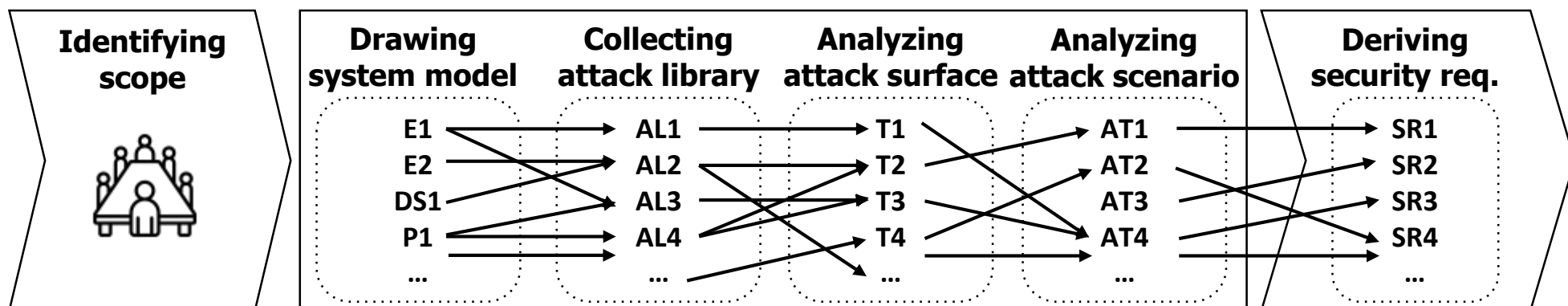
**Formal Verification**



# Threat Modeling

## ☑ What is Threat Modeling?

- Structured process to identify known vulnerabilities, threats and derive security requirements systemically



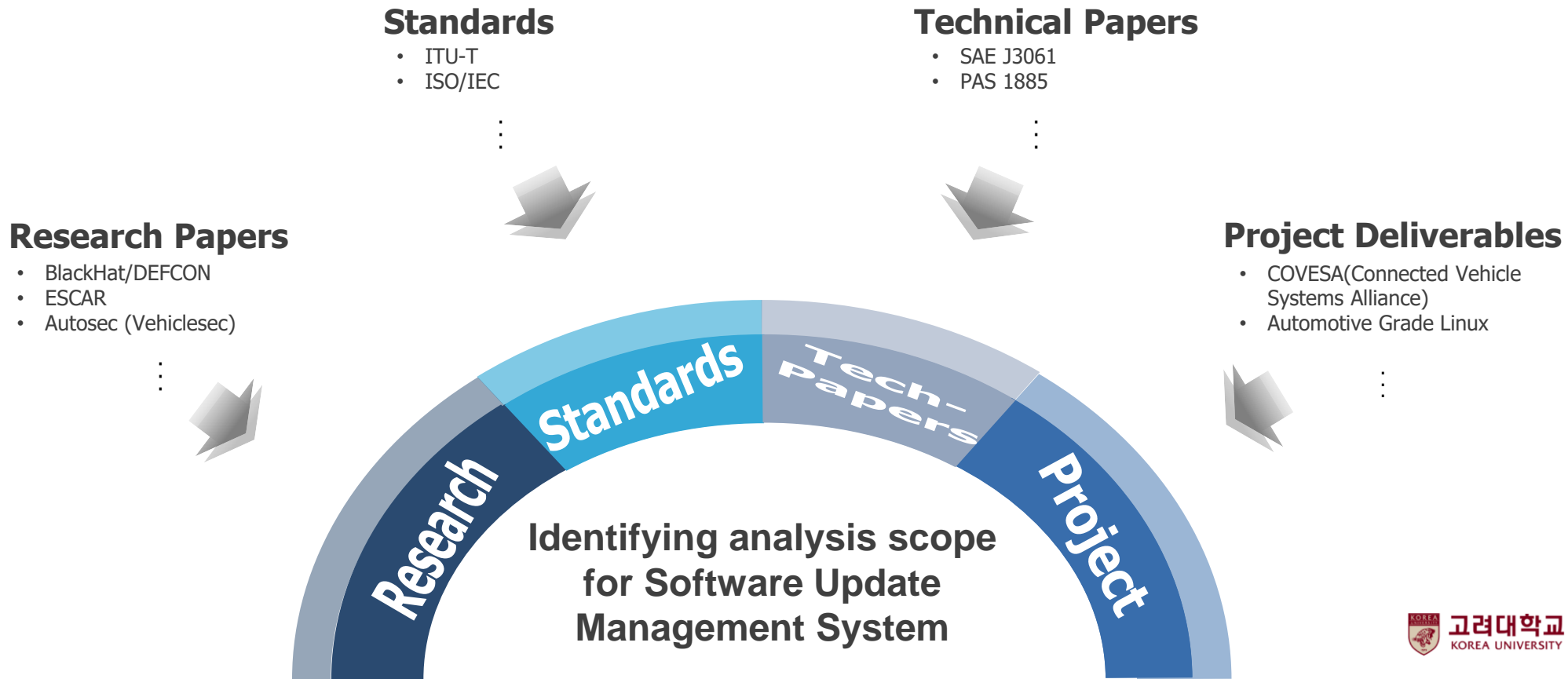
Stage	Description
Identifying scope	Identifying assets in the target system ( <b>What should be protected</b> from malicious users?)
Drawing system model	Simplifying the structure of the target system through modeling techniques based on data flow ( <b>How does</b> your target system work?)
Collecting attack library	Collecting known vulnerabilities, weaknesses, and attacks related to target system ( <b>What happened</b> in the target system before?)
Analyzing attack surface (STRIDE)	Identifying attack surface for target system component ( <b>What could happen</b> ?)
Analyzing attack scenario	Analyzing how identified threats are systemized to damage the target system ( <b>How does a hacker attack</b> target systems??)
Deriving security requirements	Deriving security requirements to mitigate attack scenarios in the target system ( <b>How does a security expert</b> keep target systems safe from hackers?)

※ E: Entity, DS: Data Store, P: Process, AL: Attack Library, T: Threat, AT: Attack Tree, SR: Security Functional Requirement

# Threat Modeling

## ① Identifying scope

- Identifying components based on 24 documents that are published in ITU-T, SAE, COVESA, UN R156, related papers, etc.



# Threat Modeling

## ④ Drawing system model

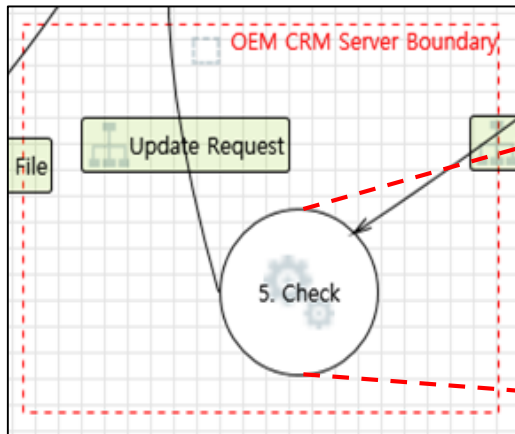
- Abstraction is to remove the rest only with the essential information related to (vulnerabilities) analysis on the design map, which can improve the concentration and efficiency of the analysis



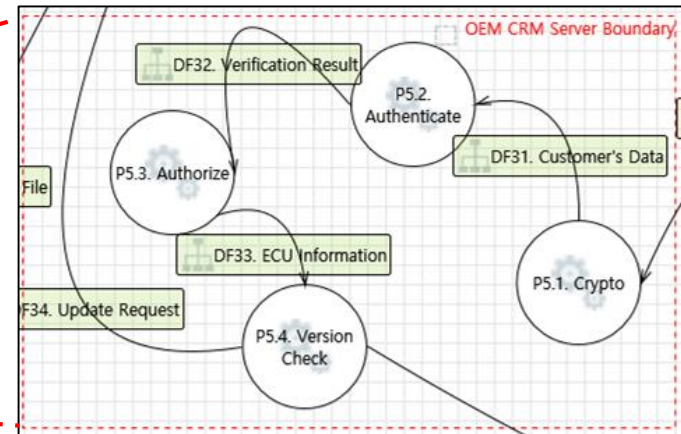
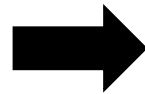
# Threat Modeling

## ④ Drawing system model

- Context Level DFD: Expresses the entire system based on **roles** such as the OEM, client, and auto repair shop
- Level 0 DFD: Decomposes its role based on the **objective** of its components, such as development, updates, and customer management
- Level 1 DFD: Decomposes its components based on their **functionalities** such as encryption and signing
- Level 2 DFD: Decomposes its functionalities based on further **criteria**(API in source code)



Context Level DFD for SUMS

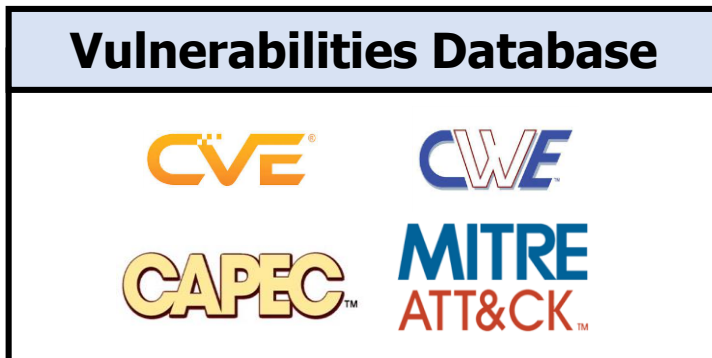


Level 0 DFD for SUMS

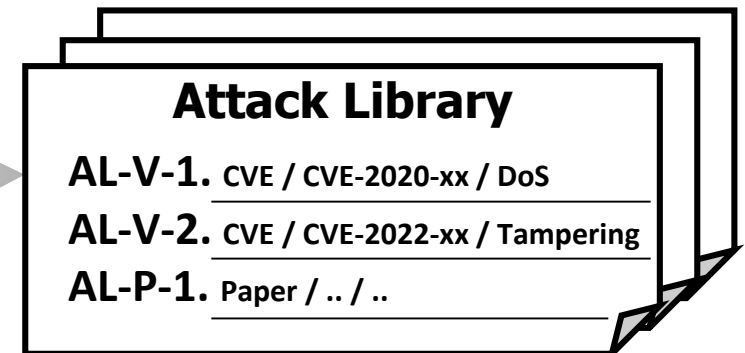
# Threat Modeling

## ✔ Collecting attack library

- Collects information on vulnerabilities known so far in relation to the analysis target and makes it into a database
  - **41** vulnerabilities & weaknesses (Source: CVE/CWE)
  - **29** vulnerabilities & threats (Source: Paper/Standard/Technical Report)



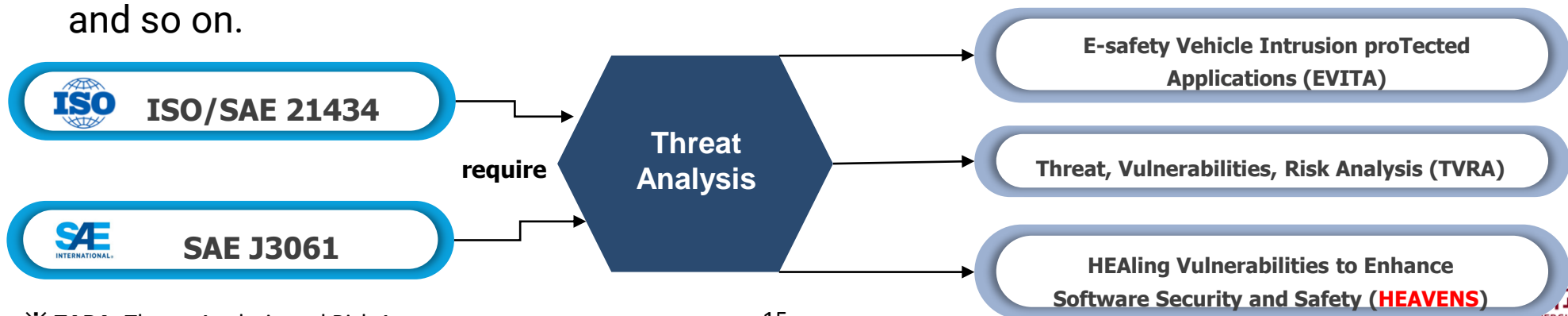
- **Attack method**
- **Target system**  
(specific brand & model)
- **Impact**  
⋮
- **Risk level**
- **PoC**  
(Proof of Concept)



# Threat Modeling

## ④ Analyzing attack surface (STRIDE)

- Standards for cybersecurity in the automotive domain recommend the usage of TARA when conducting threat analysis and risk assessment
  - TVRA(2011) analyzes actual attack scenarios that can occur in the automotive & evaluate their risk based on attack potential in ISO 18045
  - EVITA(2011) analyzes threat scenarios and evaluates risks, but it mainly focuses on whether scenarios and risks affected to performance of the entire system
  - **HEAVENS(2012)** analyze threats in vehicles based on Microsoft's STRIDE and evaluates the risk level by calculating "Threat Level", and "Impact Level"
- As the number of software installed in vehicles has significantly increased, the STRIDE-based threat modeling techniques, are widely used in the OEMs such as BMW, Hyundai, and so on.



# Threat Modeling

## ✔ Analyzing attack surface (STRIDE)

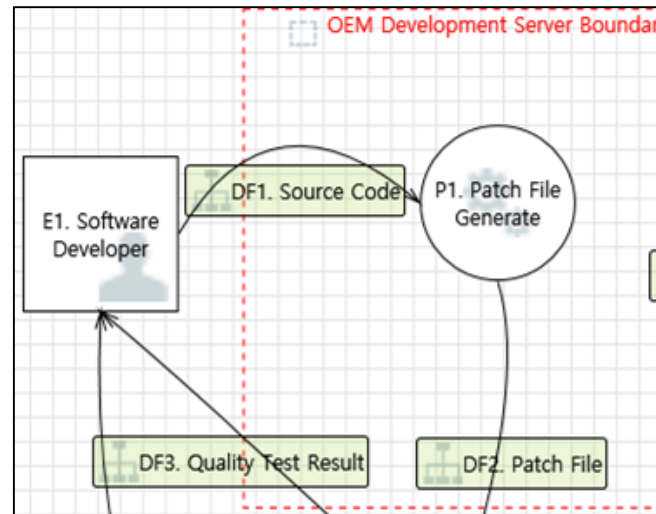
- Based on the rules in STRIDE 1007 threats are identified in our system model
  - STRIDE-per-Interaction
  - STRIDE-per-Element

### STRIDE-per-Interaction



	S	T	R	I	D	E
Entity	V		V			
Process	V	V	V	V	V	V
Data Store		V	V	V	V	
Data Flow		V		V	V	

### STRIDE-per-Element



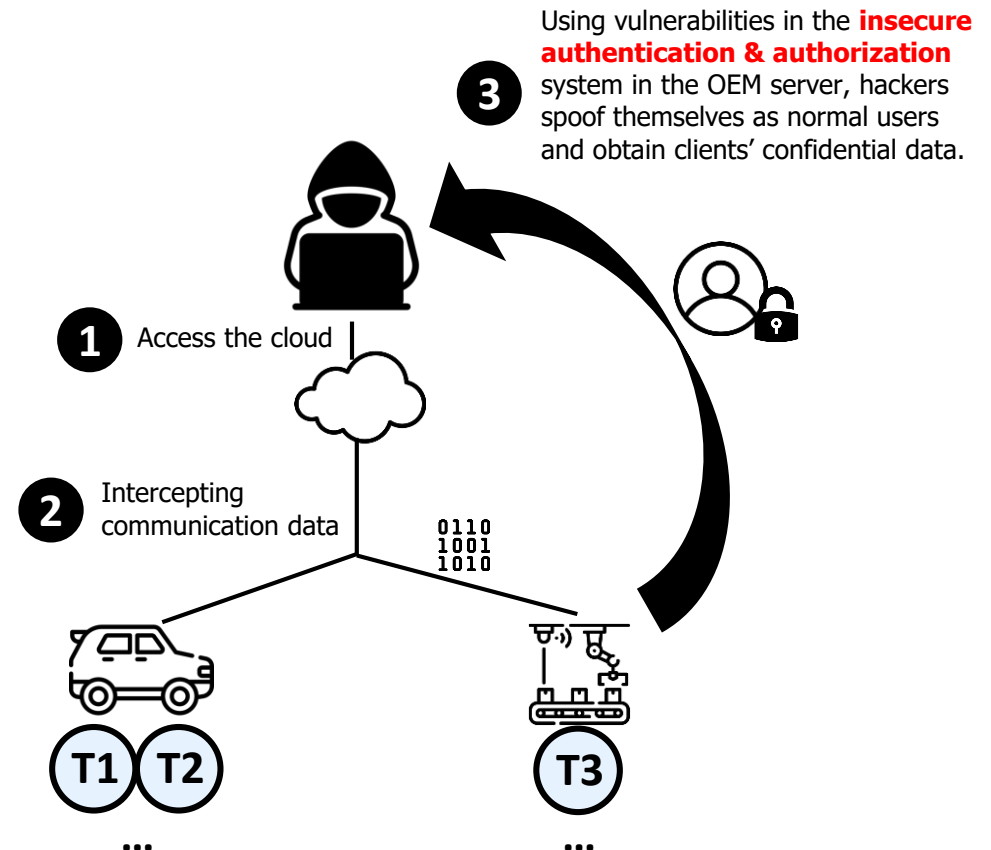
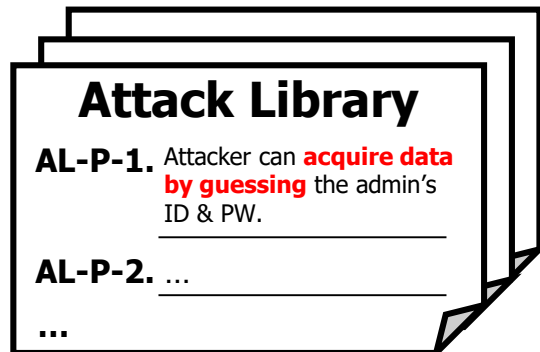
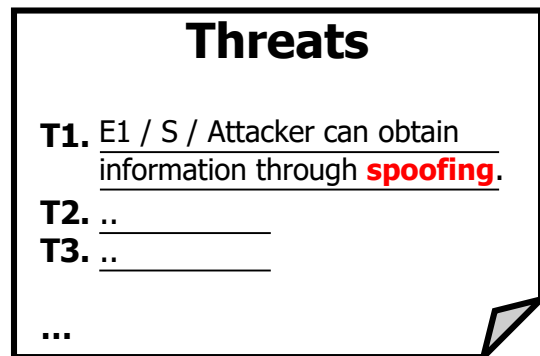
**1007 Threats !**



# Threat Modeling

## ☑ Analyzing attack scenario

- Constructing attack scenarios related to 4 attack purpose by organizing threats/vulnerabilities that identified in the previous step

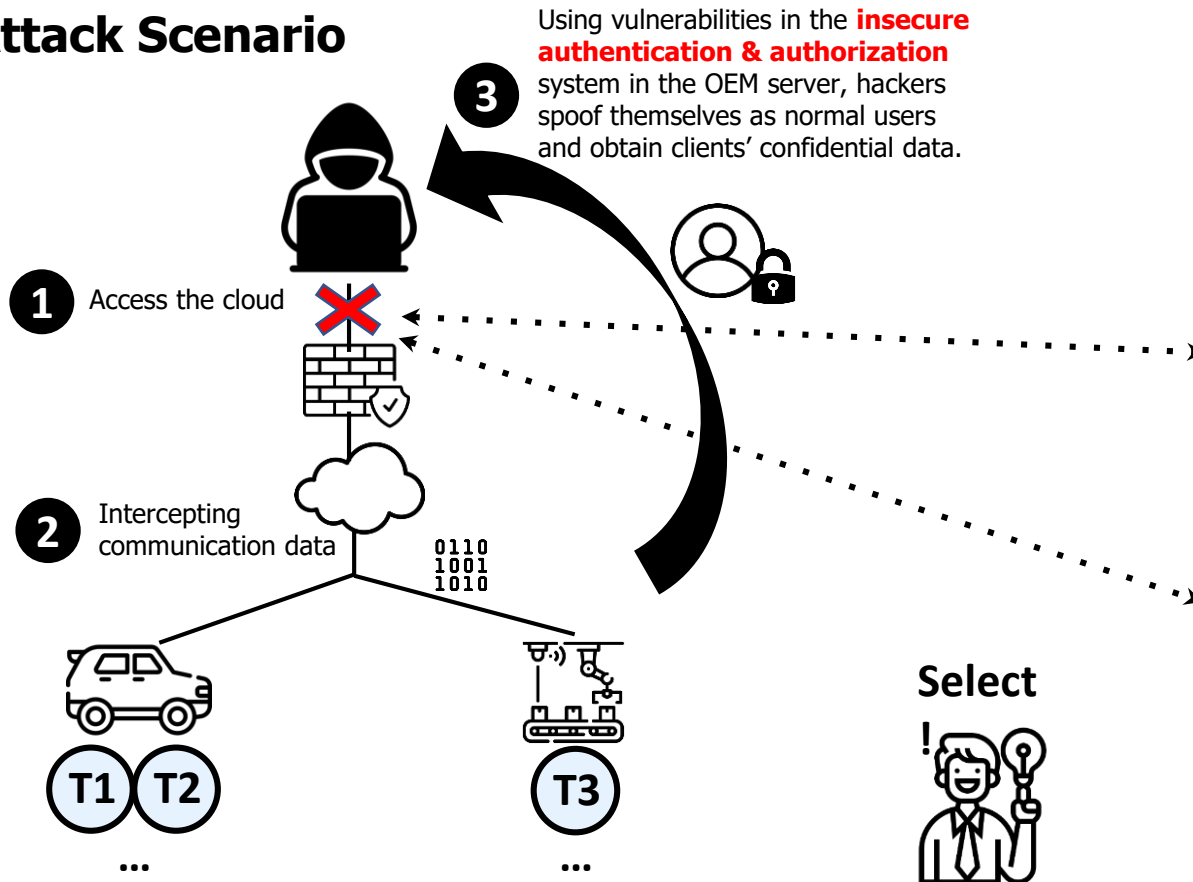


# Threat Modeling

## ① Deriving security requirements

- To mitigate several attacks/threats in the scenario, we proposed 38 security requirements

### Attack Scenario



### Security Requirements

SR1. ...

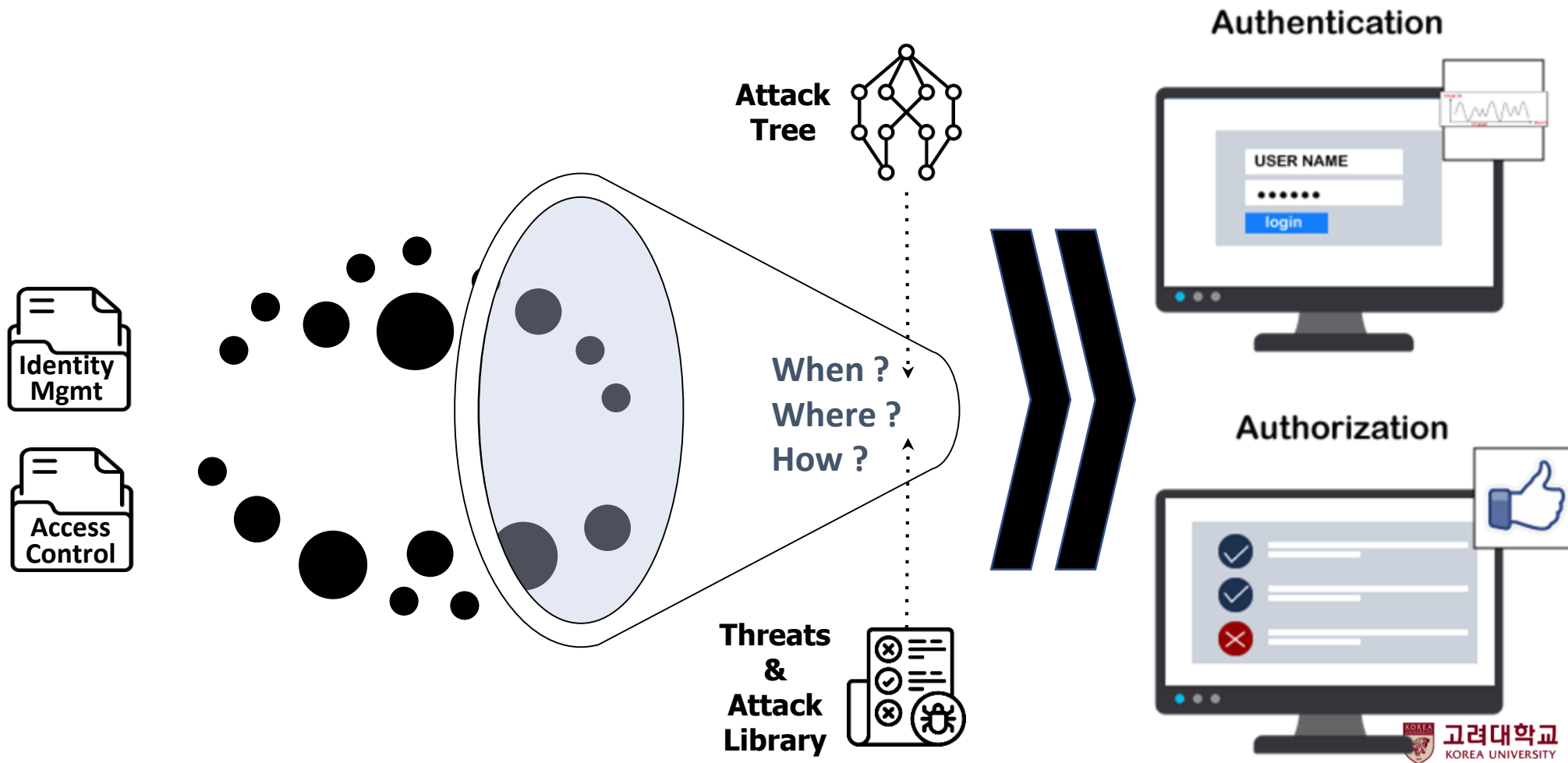
SR5. In-vehicle ECUs must provide functions to control user access through policies (e.g., ABAC) that prevent unauthorized users from accessing specific components and functions.

SR11. Before performing an action on the OEM server, the OEM server must verify that each object is authorized to perform the action based on each object's identifier with enough security strength (e.g., ID/PW, VIN).  
...

# Design

## ☑ UML(Unified Modeling Language)

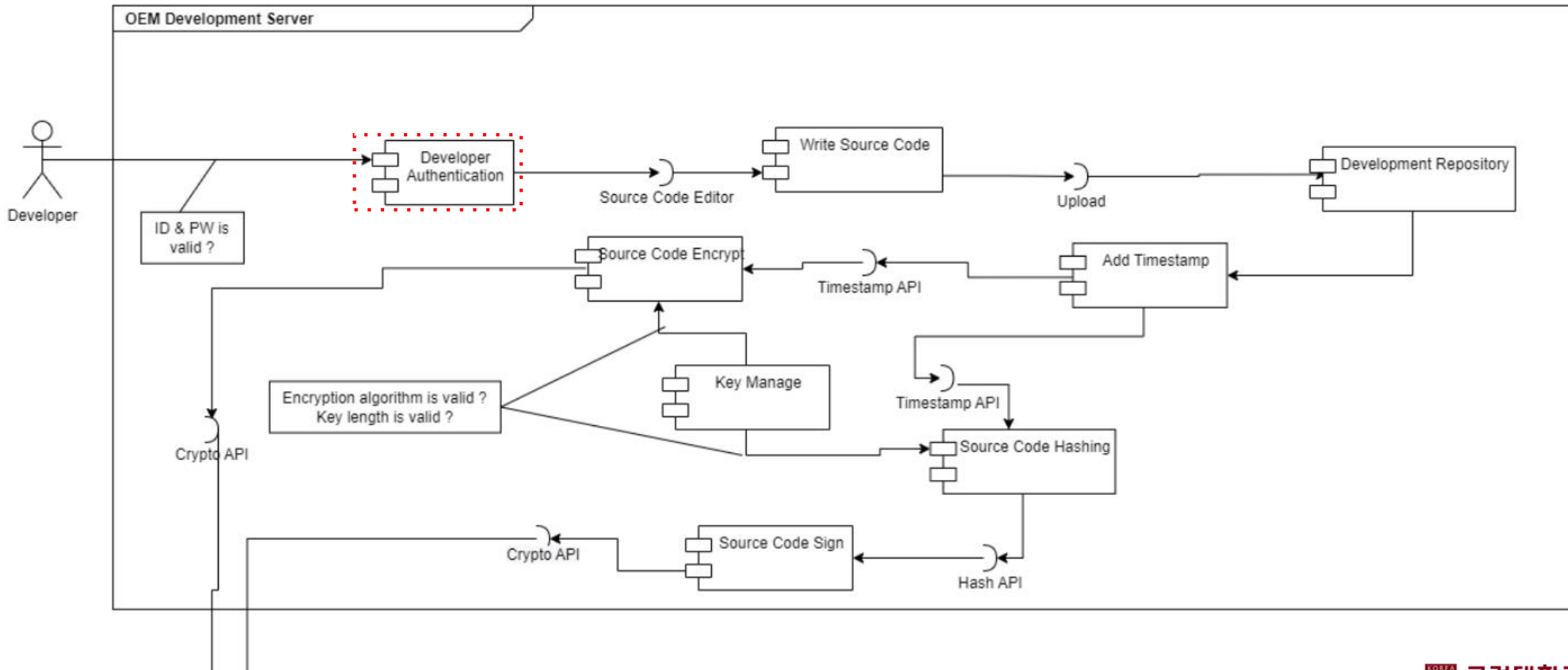
- Design security function based on multiple security function requirements in UML



# Design

## UML(Unified Modeling Language)

- Design security function based on multiple security function requirements in UML



# Formal Method

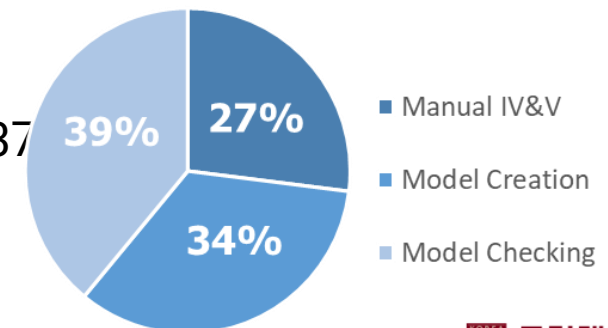
## ☑ What is formal method ?

- Formal methods are mathematically based techniques for specification & verification of systems, both hardware and software.
- The use of formal methods approaches can help to eliminate errors early in the design process.

Practitioners have also recognized that they can make searching for reusable components more effective by having formal specifications of components

## ☑ Benefits of formal method (Case study in NASA)

- Using formal method found 144 defects their traditional IV&V would miss (73% of all defects found)
  - Estimating it would cost approximately 3500 men per hour at \$100 per man hour to fix the 144 defects later in the lifecycle
  - Early defect removal savings is \$350K
  - The cost to perform formal methods analysis: -\$137K
  - Net savings of \$213K or 5% of the total project



[Origin of Defect Detection in NASA]

# Formal Method

## ④ Event-B

- Formal method for system-level modeling and analysis which uses
    - set theory as a modeling notation
    - refinement to represent systems at different abstraction levels
    - models are organized into 2 components
      - contexts: (static) parameters of a formal model and their properties
      - machines: (dynamic) transition system with the state specified by variables and events
- guarded

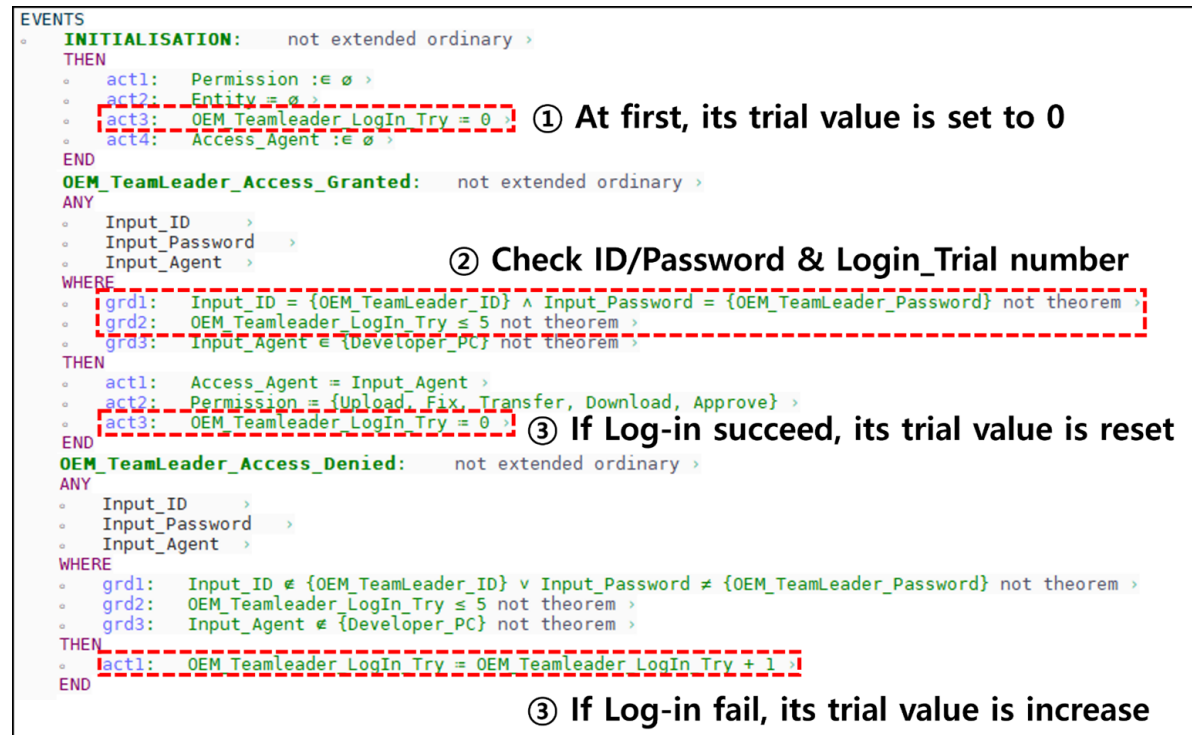
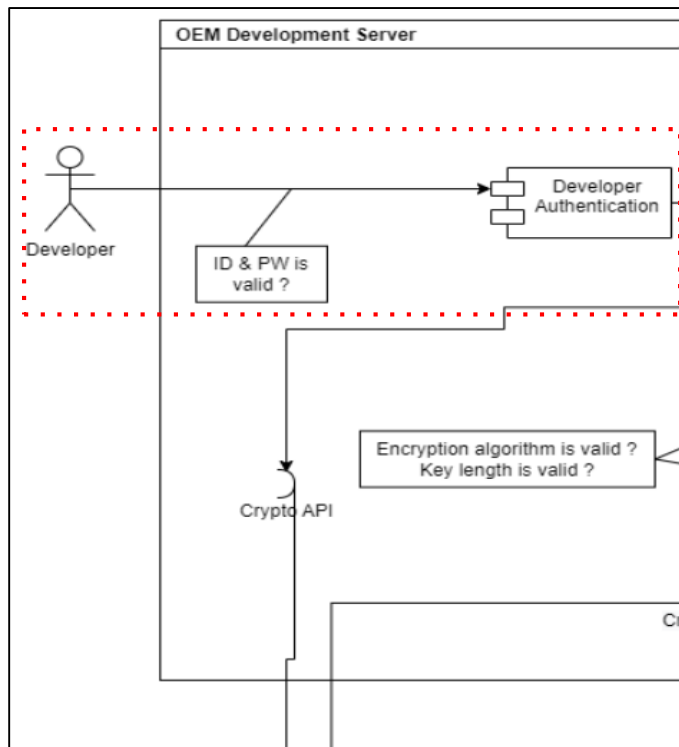
## ④ Rodin Platform

- Eclipse-based IDE for Event-B
  - provides support for refinement and mathematical proof
    - by Atelier B engine, its formal can be formally verified
  - refinement to represent systems at different abstraction levels
  - mathematical proof to verify consistency between refinement levels

# Formal Method

## Formal specification

- Convert security functions into the formal form using Event-b



# Formal Method

## ① Formal verification

- Verification of formal specifications using Atelier B which is loaded on Rodin

The screenshot displays the Rodin Platform workspace for the project 'SUMS/Development\_Server\_M'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Rename, BMotion Studio, Window, Help), a toolbar, and several panels. The left panel shows the 'Event-B Explorer' with a tree view of the project structure. The 'Development\_Server\_M' folder is expanded, showing 'Variables', 'Invariants', 'Events', and 'Proof Obligations'. A red dashed box highlights the 'Proof Obligations' section, which contains a list of obligations such as 'INITIALISATION/inv3/INV' through 'OEM\_TeamMember\_Access\_Denied/inv13/INV'. The right panel shows the formal specifications for three events: 'OEM\_TeamLeader\_Access\_Granted', 'OEM\_TeamLeader\_Access\_Denied', and 'OEM\_TeamMember\_Access\_Granted'. Each specification is written in Event-B notation, including 'ANY' variables, 'WHERE' conditions, and 'THEN' actions. The specifications are as follows:

```
OEM_TeamLeader_Access_Granted: not extended ordinary >
ANY
  Input_ID >
  Input_Password >
  Input_Agent >
WHERE
  grd1: Input_ID = {OEM_TeamLeader_ID} ^ Input_Password = {OEM_TeamLeader_Password} not theorem >
  grd2: OEM_TeamLeader_LogIn_Try ≤ 5 not theorem >
  grd3: Input_Agent ∈ {Developer_PC} not theorem >
THEN
  act1: Access_Agent = Input_Agent >
  act2: Permission = {Upload, Fix, Transfer, Download, Approve} >
  act3: OEM_TeamLeader_LogIn_Try = 0 >
END

OEM_TeamLeader_Access_Denied: not extended ordinary >
ANY
  Input_ID >
  Input_Password >
  Input_Agent >
WHERE
  grd1: Input_ID ≠ {OEM_TeamLeader_ID} v Input_Password ≠ {OEM_TeamLeader_Password} not theorem >
  grd2: OEM_TeamLeader_LogIn_Try ≤ 5 not theorem >
  grd3: Input_Agent ∉ {Developer_PC} not theorem >
THEN
  act1: OEM_TeamLeader_LogIn_Try = OEM_TeamLeader_LogIn_Try + 1 >
END

OEM_TeamMember_Access_Granted: not extended ordinary >
ANY
  Input_ID >
  Input_Password >
  Input_Agent >
WHERE
  grd1: Input_ID = {OEM_TeamMember_ID} ^ Input_Password = {OEM_TeamMember_Password} not theorem >
  grd2: OEM_Teammember_LogIn_Try ≤ 5 not theorem >
  grd3: Input_Agent ∈ {Developer_PC} not theorem >
THEN
  act1: Access_Agent = Input_Agent >
  act2: Permission = {Upload, Fix, Transfer} >
  act3: OEM_Teammember_LogIn_Try = 0 >
END
```



# Conclusion

## ✔ Conclusion

- Vehicles become vulnerable because extra software and hardware, which are necessary for providing the functionality, become new attack surfaces
- In this study, we conducted threat modeling for SUMS
  - Identifying all known threats & vulnerabilities that may occur in SUMS by STRIDE
  - Proposing security requirements and designed a secure SUMS architecture
- Finally, we formally verified that our secure SUMS architecture reflects the security requirements derived from threat modeling using Event-B

## ✔ Future works

- Based on the formal model, we generate source code for SUMS by using Atelier B
  - In Atelier B, the additional implementational model is required to generate source code

We are trying to generate source code by using deliverables only in the design phases



**Any Questions ?**



# Thank you

