Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Models for Autonomous Vehicle Operations

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1. Introduction to Autonomous Vehicles and Cybersecurity

The introduction of autonomous vehicles (AVs) to public roadways introduces a cybersecurity risk. Autonomous vehicles are complex cyber-physical systems with the potential to cause physical damage and loss of life in the event of a cyber attack, which could involve either spyware or radio frequency jamming. As such, the main challenges of securing the safety of autonomous mobility are the quantification of the vulnerability related to cyber-threats and potential implementations of independent and integrated cybersecurity measures. Cybersecurity protocols need to be assessed to determine the risk of advanced persistent threat (APT) and their capability to detect, isolate, and/or eliminate a potential cyber-intrusion and ensure safety. The dilemma becomes that a very high level of cybersecurity security would require an unaffordable cost, as the percentage of resources allocated to protect a system increases with the value of the system that needs to be protected.

Nonetheless, as part of the supplementary management, new risk assessment frameworks could use the actual vulnerability to these cyber-threats depending on the external connections of the connected vehicle. To this aim, the initial reaction through which an autonomous vehicle is manipulating the received commands and the sequences of control units that mainly interpret these commands transmitted by the owner have to be assessed to determine code weaknesses. It is argued here that a level of security and safety capable of mitigating potential exploits would have to start with the separation of autonomous vehicle networks from those of communications interfaces with a prior interconnection between its own sensors and actuators, blocked from being rewritten by radio devices. These safety organizations also strive to establish common security measures that are relevant for connected vehicles in Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications, including decision processes on proof-of-concept trial results.

1.1. Overview of Autonomous Vehicle Technology

An autonomous vehicle is a machine equipped with modern sensors and technology to locate itself in space and to choose the safest routes to navigate from source to destination without human assistance. It also uses on-board embedded systems like microcontrollers, digital signal processors to actively influence the vehicle's motion. Several technologies like RADAR, LIDAR, SONAR, GPS, odometry and computer vision are used for developing autonomous vehicles to observe the environment, sense distance, capturing images of the environment to gather information and to detect obstacles and to actuate the control systems of the vehicle. The most commonly available commercial applications of this technology are used in automated machines such as robots, driverless trains on pre-defined tracks, mobility scooters that are like wheelchairs and driverless cars on road. Future technologies are working to develop a vehicle that can be able to operate on any road surface and under any climatic condition.

The concept of autonomous driving has attracted the fascinations of the research community today because of the increased cost on transportation and the increasing number of road accidents. There are various levels of autonomy as defined by the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). Independent car parts can be integrated together as comprehensive functioning to form autonomous vehicle control. Within the semi-autonomous vehicles that are available in today's market, drivers are necessary to be able to respond to pull into a parking space. The future level controls the total vehicle activities including cruising, driving, braking, and even steering. Level 4 and Level 5 vehicles are vehicles with no human intervention requirements, but the exceptional circumstances lead vehicles to be stopped on the runway, and the Level 4 vehicle can handle the normal driving activities whereas the Level 5 vehicle can handle all situations without a driver.

1.2. Cybersecurity Challenges in Autonomous Vehicle Operations

Published research presents discussions on specific cybersecurity requirements for embedded vehicle systems. These requirements are guides to engineers when embarking on developments, and their primary intention is to ensure that these systems provide security for sensors, actuators, and ECUs. However, debates do exist regarding the relations between the performance of these security services and the increase in ECU load. For example, control messages could suffer from late arrival to critical ECUs.

On the other hand, cybersecurity in the operation of autonomous vehicles is a more generic problem. It includes the integrity of performance logic, attacks on sensors and actuators, the perception and reasoning of the vehicle, unsafe collaboration, disabled safety services, connection to an illegal server, and vulnerable interfaces, among others.

This paper addresses a locus that lies between the two situations expressed in the leading paragraph: autonomous vehicle operation security, but not any operation. Here, we investigate the additional set of security services that must be provided so that autonomous cars, which connect to a V2X infrastructure, are able to exchange attributes and execute performance tasks required for operation. The paper does not address implementation details but instead establishes risks and proposes an overall risk management solution tailored to V2X operations. We wish to emphasize that we explore the trade-offs between communication performance and risk reduction in the proposed managers, but this does not fully address all related cyber-physical risks. Our research is conducted in the context of SPAN, an autonomous car developed at the Technical University of Eindhoven, and further adoption of its vault technology within a dedicated blockchain-based infrastructure concept.

2. Importance of Risk Assessment in Autonomous Vehicle Cybersecurity

There are some risks of AV systems that policy, decision, and risk analysts should consider. In order to consider the types of risk that are imposed by the operation of an AV, beyond those posed by human-piloted vehicles, it is necessary to understand the source of the risk that AVs pose. These sources of risk generally encompass the potential for an attacker to take command of an AV or the systems that command many AVs. The effects of such attacks could reach further than those in other vehicles. These unique risks arise from the general trend, driving the introduction of new technology into every sector, to include general-purpose computing platforms and related communication systems. Despite, or sometimes directly because of, rigorous engineering, design, testing, and validation, secure systems require operated or maintained to remain secure. AVs are not an exception to this trend. Also, these risks arise from the unique attributes of AVs while they are being designed, tested, operated, and managed to fit a different set of functional requirements than the set of requirements under which human-piloted vehicles are designed, tested, operated, and managed.

Automated vehicles or autonomous vehicles (AVs) have the potential to significantly reduce the number of vehicle crashes, road capacity issues, and the high environmental cost of

automobile use. However, the integration of autonomous vehicles into the national and international fleet of automobiles presents a unique set of opportunities and concerns. One such concern is the security of the systems that are required to safely operate AVs. A risk assessment for AV systems must address the differences between AVs and human-piloted vehicles in order to offer additional benefits to policy and decision makers beyond those obtainable through a risk assessment framework for human-piloted vehicles. Notably, the reduction of computer systems requirements to drive an AV safely may allow for more opportunities to reduce the attack space, limit the impact of a successful compromise, and address the availability of accurate, up-to-date maps of roads.

2.1. Understanding Risk Assessment

In performing a risk assessment in the area of cybersecurity, the assessment should consider all potential threats and vulnerabilities that could impact any component in the Operation Design Domain for the vehicle. This approach, called a Top-Down Threat and Vulnerability Risk Assessment (TVRA), begins by identifying and understanding the mission and objectives of the system. After this, a systematic approach is used where relevant threat permits are identified without the need for undue detail. Lists of potentially applicable computer security techniques are identified next, and the evaluation uses common sense and experience rather than detailed analysis. A risk associated with the hit of each cybersecurity channel is used to prioritize the deficiencies in security and adopt better defensive measures if necessary.

In the context of cybersecurity, risk assessment is the process of identifying, estimating, and prioritizing risk to an automobile. The two major types of risk assessments used are quantitative and non-quantitative methods. The quantitative process is precise and can be measured in exact estimations of money, time, or personal safety, and it involves the collection and matching of data against an established mathematical model. The non-quantitative method is a reasoned estimation that may draw from past experience and resourcefulness to complete the risk process. The non-quantitative approach has risks that are difficult to quantify or for which probabilities are difficult to estimate. It relies largely on common sense and knowledge of a system, as well as intuition and experience, to evaluate the likelihood and impact of risks.

2.2. Benefits of Risk Assessment Models

The posturing risk assessment or certifiable risk analysis, establishes a level of confidence about whether the entity continues to satisfy safety or security requirements and how the risk evolves as a function of time. At a certain time, the available information is considered during the lifetime of the security service, and ensures that the confidence level is established to determine the progressive risk control that is required. The risk assessment service is the mathematical instrument that makes the data available on risk and metrics that have attributes that are more probabilistic. In the context of cybersecurity, risk is quantified using models and referenced data. Personality requires that a risk assessment service respects the principles, rules, and constraints included in the cybersecurity tree, but the tree does not determine the format of the metrics themselves which are related to risk. Cybersecurity theoretically considers confidentiality, integrity, and the availability services present in each node. The relationship between the physical world and the resources of the computing system, and consequently data and privacy protection, has to be determined.

Each stakeholder in the security environment, that includes the mission, the operators, and the commands, has different perspectives and different information available to arrive at views with different levels of confidence. To make risk-informed decisions in deploying security mechanisms, these models are important resources. There are two types of risk assessments, the predictive risk assessment, and the posturing. Predictive risk assessment estimates the risk of an entity by determining the potential impacts of the threat and the likelihood of a threat and asset entry into a model zone and the occurrence of VoI.

A risk assessment is the essential input into any well-founded security design. No security mechanism or service can support risk management or decision making on investment in protection if it is uncertain or lacks information about the specific risks and requirements. If information is available, the decisions taken and the orientation of protection are driven by quantified risks. A risk assessment enables managers to make informed choices in deploying security mechanisms. It is clear that no reasonable decision can be taken without having investigated the risks at issue.

3. Existing Risk Assessment Models in Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity risk models are used to estimate the degree of influence of specific problem-solving effects or functionalities on an existing platform. As a more esoteric initialization of

utility to a cybersecurity risk model, we must understand what is meant when setting security assessment terms. Unfortunately, the field is cluttered with a variety of non-standard-language terms. Moreover, the traditional disclosure of known vulnerabilities and their classification has not yet been extended down to the analytical level where the harmless with the harmful systems that affect the most severely adverse systems are located. In our current state, the importance of assessing risk based on a variety of existing risk factors and how they could potentially result in catastrophic vulnerabilities justifies the creation of a new model aimed at the security of altering design segments for autonomous vehicles.

There are several risk assessment models applied to cybersecurity in various domains, which indicate the potential severity of cybersecurity threats on an existing system or that of a new product being scoped. Models such as the Octave Allegro, NIST SP 800-30, Mehari, and CRAMM assist enterprises as well as product manufacturers in understanding the degree of technical risk posed by cybersecurity-related threats based on the likelihood and the potential damage that said threats pose. However, these models aim to assess risk from the perspective of the technological platform and do not take into account movement of the system within a spatial domain. For example, while the operational domain may remain the same for a significant period of time in fixed platforms such as an office building, the operational domain for mobile systems such as an AV keeps changing at regular intervals. Failing to take into account the confluence of physical and cybersecurity risk creates a loophole between areas that should ideally inform one another, leading to reduced accuracy in the assessment of critical system impacts in the context of both domain sets.

3.1. Commonly Used Models

Yet another risk assessment model that is widely used in cybersecurity is known as the risk management framework by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The NIST risk management model addresses implementation risk. Its purpose is to direct organizations and sectors toward effective governance with ready-to-assess indicators to measure accomplishment at each tier. The framework also addresses stated security requirements through assurance maintenance and continuity measures. At the top overlaying sector management are supportive sector-level capabilities derived from the NIST CSI, the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Function and Implementation Tier Tool Suite, and both the referenced sector risk and cybersecurity control matrix.

C2M2 is built around a primary objective of secure software, secure network design and operation, and strong incident response capabilities. Goals are nested using four elements: principles of Cybersecurity Program/System (PS-CPS), differentiation of PS-CPS baselines between NIST high impact and low-impact systems, definition of an implementation/operation level for PS-CPS builds, and support features from existing sector programs as implementation points. C2M2 uses a structured method to map sector cybersecurity programs to NIST security baselines to help prioritize sector risk management resources according to NIST impact.

One commonly used risk assessment model that is gaining popularity is known as the Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2) developed by the energy sector in the United States of America through the Department of Energy. The model is based on the combination of various cybersecurity programs/efforts applied within energy sectors to generate a different level of maturity in safeguarding their information system. Even though this model is developed for the energy sector, its framework is also applicable for other private and public sector organizations. Since it is a horizontally applied model to measure the cyber capability of organizations/sectors, it is not surprising that the energy sector would capture the combination of cybersecurity elements.

3.2. Strengths and Limitations

Despite the strengths provided by the TARA model, the present weaknesses including limitation still need to be addressed through continuous improvement. All the attribute strength values and settings given for the TARA model in this article are only selected based on the market available data and are personal experts and knowledge contributed. They are not all verified or derived or calculated through actual physical TARA system and as such, one data source may lead to bias. The performance of this study could also be degraded in some sensitive areas in the model if the real strength values of the TARA system are different from the given values in the TARA model. The model assessment and testing should continue to be carried forward with the development stage of AV system performance while taking into account the 5G network integration. The TARA model framework will still be enhanced continuously to optimize the structure derived from the best technological practice knowledge obtained meanwhile. The structural design techniques will be invited while excluding some normal design features, and continue to evolve by including ad hoc unique design functionalities. It is shown that the practical application of the AV risk control design

methodology TARA among the community still needs to be promoted and protected under open source software licensing and other version authorship copyrights of protection. Our company can solve this problem.

Limitations of TARA Model

The current research findings further reveal the following strengths of the TARA model which introduces unique concepts, ideologies, and procedures through the argumentative manner of using Toulmin logic in establishing pertinent security and subsystems factors and relationships. The TARA model offers a Smart City driving demonstration and operating achievement criterion and design framework for AV certification and street authorization before they are allowed into a smart city or street. The TARA model involves theory, procedure and process, component attribute factor, parsimonious concept, safety cases, target values, performance aspects, measurable indices, and methodology procedures. It presents both the technical systems argument and quality benefits of attribute system handling of strength values/parameter setting, common metric (reliability, effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency) norms between each component elements, section parts and module design, for interaction of related TARA security factors and subsystem. The model also organizes the TARA system functions to handle the real-time events for better security control, communication, perception, reasoning, and coordination to prevent losses.

Strengths of TARA Model

4. Adapting Risk Assessment Models for Autonomous Vehicle Operations

This chapter provides a deep dive into the RA Domain Process Model (RADOSA-DPM) and the AS/NOSA-DPM that we previously introduced. These domain models are categorized as Threat, Effort, and Loss Susceptibility Models (TESM-LOOP), comprising a risk space of three separate dimensions from the perspective of the defender. We have previously validated them in a study case of large commercial aircraft operations, and these models can be applicable for the operations of any Cyber Physical System (CPS) whose inherent Safety-Critical Function (SCF) is dominated by intelligent physical decision making that pertains to navigation and control operations where failure may have a significant impact on the mission failure costs. Furthermore, we utilized the RADOSA-DPM for the development of the AVS Domain Model (AVSDM) and the REML that contained additional items pertinent to AVS. Through the

development of the AVS-DPMs, the key challenges contributed to the development of further maturity in other layers of the RA process, i.e., Objectives, Policy, and Plan. We shared the artifacts and the formulas for select models and derived a matrix of user taxonomy with the associated domain expertise. These DPMs can serve as the foundation to support the three decision process layers leading to: a design of cybersecurity risk mitigative strategies; the selection of cybersecurity countermeasures; and adaptive countermeasures by the AVS operator.

Operational environments of autonomous vehicle systems (AVS) are ad hoc by nature. They are a combination of other cooperative and uncooperative vehicles such as passenger cars, trucks, bicycles, pedestrians, and roadside objects with different levels of automation, communication infrastructure, roads, and weather. The interactions can take place in rural areas, urban downtown, or suburban and mixed traffic conditions. To identify vulnerabilities and develop security incentives and policies to maintain the information and infrastructure safety, formulations of the problem, models, methodologies, and tools grounded on risk assessment (RA) processes with a focus on mission assurance of AVS are needed. Especially when AVS cyber-attacks may take place within a dynamic and complex operational domain driven by machine learning and perception. This requires a new breed of RA models to embrace its challenges and power risk assessors with the right tools and information that are needed to take an informed and objective view.

4.1. Unique Considerations for Autonomous Vehicles

The field of cybersecurity for Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) intertwines the areas of both Vehicle Hacking and Dispatch (Vehicle to Infrastructure – V2I) Systems. The CAV vehicle categories include autonomous vehicles (AVs), with unmanned vehicles driven by the vehicle's onboard technology, and connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs), navigating autonomously with onboard technology and offboard infrastructure-to-vehicle links.

In this section, we first provide a brief overview of some of the unique considerations associated with ICS and cybersecurity of CAVs. These unique considerations will become the basis for our future cybersecurity model choices when operationalizing the cybersecurity risk assessment models. In the following sections, we establish state-of-the-art models for use in Cyber risk Situational Awareness augmented Decision Support (CrSADeS). The considerations are often not present in existing models for cybersecurity risk discussions and

are specific to CAVs. We believe that current standard guidelines with gray-box analysis models need to be extended to account for plausible and non-plausible cyber vulnerabilities during varied operational conditions. Furthermore, the uncertainty in the operational data, including the state of the ICS elements, needs to be modeled for improved evaluations of the cyber risk.

4.2. Integration with Existing Systems

Additionally, the operators of an AV SAE type 3 delivered passenger service such as a robo-taxi/delivery service must also have a comprehensive knowledge of the cyber-risks affecting their operation and must operate under an adequate cybersecurity plan to secure several cyber-physical interfaces that malicious actors could leverage to inject malware. Many of the ride-sharing networks require complex communication between passengers, the operator's command center, the robots, and between the robot and other operator's interfaces. There are risks at each interface, including introducing malware into the ecosystem, so that the passenger interacts with the AV to get into the AV, and with any vehicle hardware interface, such as semi-autonomous capabilities that require a simple interaction with the vehicle.

The challenge is to design a new risk model that integrates with existing systems and procedures already being used at an operator's command center. As shown in Figure 1, existing models include a complete assessment of the AV, from dynamic vehicle certification and inspections, monitoring for localized compliance (such as geofenced operations), 24/7 network security monitoring of the ground control system and other critical infrastructure. There is also a detailed plan with a layer of processes to prevent future issues, after any vulnerabilities are detected and then mitigated (any compromises). This process is analogous to hardening any critical infrastructure in a business that could have devastating effects on the organization's stability and ability to perform. By incorporating these knowledge processes into the operator's current procedures and tools, the cybersecurity model is easier to understand and manage.

5. Case Studies and Examples

To control the car, all autonomous vehicles/technology depend on mechanical and electronic subsystems like the brakes, sensors, etc. The sensors are used to monitor the surrounding environment and for automatic navigation of the vehicle. However, when considering vehicle and passenger safety, it comes to the point of necessity of integrating the cybersecurity

mechanisms into the Vehicle Control Logic Layer, Vl, especially at the system & software level design phases of the VeH systems/software. Despite the cybersecurity requirements, the vehicle architecture and the specific properties of the VeH do not allow the use of the existing effective cybersecurity solutions, designed for the traditional Info systems. To consider the problem of cybersecurity of VeH, risk driven special methodology is proposed. The methodology is based on assurance process driven cybersecurity risk assessment models, to improve the VeH system & software design process.

In the paper, we have proposed a model for cybersecurity secure design of a typical VeH and means to use the model. We have shown the testing of the proposed risk assessment model by applying it to one particular VeH. The proposed mathematical approach is based on well known, widely used fundamental statistical concepts (probability; random and independent events; conditional probabilities, etc.). The matrix of the control, tracking and hazard functions was proposed as an instrument of process management. The particular model specifics for vehicle architecture, operating logic, software and the communication system have been presented. The specific risks related to the differences in the VeH S&S who operate in the real environment and in the game testbed have been detected and analyzed. Based on the comparison results, the recommendations and guidelines for the VeH S&S secure design based are proposed. These recommendations and guidelines are the tools supporting the secure design decision makers of the VeH.

5.1. Successful Implementation Cases

The Future Power Projection Model (FPPM) offered a successful application of computational war gaming, which utilized extensive data across unconventional wars to anticipate the fractal dimensions of wanted and unwanted futures, especially where AMCs may be threatened. This study concluded with timely insights apropos the upcoming transition to a standing and autonomous Corps company, and its critical infrastructure at the Joint Operating Base (JOBA) critical logistical/administrative node in the conflict zone and the conflict in preparation zone.

The War Plan ORANGE series III study (WPORIII) provided a structured, repeatable, and efficient methodology to assess the potential conflict landscape of a future armed conflict. This empirical model assessed warring force capabilities at the Joint Task Force Island Base, the Joint Task Force Operations Area with particular focus on possible high value autonomous operations that could increase infrastructure survivability, logistics efficiency, and operation

pace. The lead analytic technique used was an expert elicitation process against specific questions related to autonomous operations within the Joint Task Force operations area.

5.2. Lessons Learned from Failures

In many of the high-profile instances where AI systems have made significant errors, the systems appear to have been operating in what we know to be risk-prone environments. The lesson from this back catalog of AI safety failures, which is still being learned by the community as we continue to build and deploy new AI systems, is to assess the environments an AI system will operate in so that its designers can appropriately mitigate the risk. Despite best efforts by the designers, AI-based systems are not yet capable of exhibiting equivalent levels of reasoning to humans, with the empathy or common sense required for some activities or contexts, and so it is paramount to allocate attention to risk assessment at the environment level.

The designers of AI-equipped systems need to, at a minimum, assess the degree of autonomy enjoyed by those systems, the intelligence requirements and challenges that arise from that autonomy, and the context, or operating environment, in which the system will come to understand, reason and operate. Critically, the designers have to be explicit about what they are ignoring in order to support the estimates of risk and uncertainty required for a comprehensive risk assessment. Such assessments are increasingly required to gain government and public approval for deploying AI-autonomous technologies. The reason being that it provides evidence that the technology developers have given thought to the inherent risks and deemed them to be both low and acceptable. In doing so, such assessments directly satisfy existing governance norms, such as safety cases required for AI in weapons, guidance systems or plant control, and also protect manufacturers legally in the case of accidents or underperformance.

6. Future Developments and Trends

The system safety and the corresponding risk assessment and risk management significantly increase as the urban disentanglement begins. Fully developed vehicles would then, long before they have to replace a system as complex as human perception and cognition, have the capacity to provocatively and proactively facilitate a truly multimodal interaction, significantly enhancing road network capacity more effectively than siloed roadway management could on its own. Social, administrative, resort, and location-based resistance

will likely slow or block any large-scale behavioral changes and policy adjustments required. Even in the most aggressive conceptualizations, exploring threads of AV impact against the tenuous existence of human-driven vision, decision making, and response time functions only begins to hint at the possibilities that would unfold as AV capabilities expand, spans begin to overlap, and user experience quality becomes bimodal. The majority of this essay is a warning about the limitations of the behavior-space approach as it is typically presented and the increased risks that will accrue in a world uninformed of them. The playful and more probing insights to maintain a robust development competition with behavior-space safety tests are meant to conclude, inevitably, but hopefully represent just a brief short-cut to understand the most striking features, strong signposts, or absurdly paradoxical situations. The averaging of vehicle projected numbers must be complemented with individualized safety determinations for the assistance of local traffic network controls and for genuine liabilities. Device abandonment or ticketing changes and disempowers principal-agent relationships will be reinforced when triggered by individualized exchanges between motile entities and their robotic counterparts. The quantification of these behavior-space safety features can actually ethically guide technological development toward the most beneficial public policies. We are now going to begin this exploration, with the help of a modest beginning model.

The growth of complexity and sophistication being seen in modern vehicles has outstripped the progress that can be made in understanding and testing the interactions between an AV and all possible elements of the highway and environment in which the AV operates. Presently, there are still useful, deployable functions that AVs could perform within the highway system in only limited commercial deployments; providing mobility to those who cannot yet participate in more complex and unsafe vehicles, reducing traffic congestion through more predictable, robotic highway user behaviors, and serving low speed, routine, predictable and safe passenger and delivery services in limited boundaries and at limited times with human override. This practical approach is enabled by a very limited use case that reduces the systems engineering complexity to manageable levels. As developers exhaust the potentials of initially safe use cases, the expanding capabilities of robotic vehicles will begin to foster pressure for expanded applications. Tiny cities or limited road networks as pseudo-playpen or test tracks are likely to see traffic dominated by AVs sharing or culminating features beyond the retreating domain of the human driver in almost equally capable manual vehicles. Allowing more sophisticated vehicles to state-and-manage parts of the traffic

network is an excellent way of achieving relatively safe, useful, vehicle applications, and could over time, serve to organically evolve behavior-space safety to quantify live field performance of vehicles operating in the contexts most appropriate in it. The translation of quantifiable behavior-space safety targets related to a vehicle's choice of operating context is a nascent field with a part to play in the scientific establishment of safety.

6.1. Emerging Technologies

Robotic systems and Autonomous Vehicle Operations (AVO) also have an important place in these new cyber-physical systems known for having context-aware N-squared robustness and autonomy. Low latency connectivity is regarded as the most essential enabling driver to warranty real-time information exchange critical for realizing their assigned tasks. Developments in 5G networks, specifically the usage of Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communication devices, have created the potential for low-delay utility industries to consider having much more advanced mobile robotic solutions. Providing enhanced network performance, improved rate of delight design, and many more will make a significant difference in this emergence. Although pioneering works have been carried out to realize Tactile Internet functions associated with network slicing paradigms, there are still important issues to be addressed.

In recent times, the emergence of new interface and modeling designs of internet-connected devices and systems is extensively underpinning the paradigm shift to a fourth world revolution – Industry 4.0. The design constructs and comfort qualities of evolving 5G and forthcoming 6G platforms signal breaks from the traditional vision and deployment principles of earlier generation cellular technologies. Disruptive technological revolutions such as 5G and 6G platforms, Internet of Everything, etc. do not only enable the previous generation of communication services but also present an integrated networking environment infrastructure beneficial for industry, society, and most importantly the digital economy. Not mutually exclusively, critical service surfaces will be managed and operated based on sensors and actuators deployed through associated localized control and dedicated command interfaces.

6.2. Regulatory Changes

In the European perspective, the big political and social concern related to V2X is linked with data and cybersecurity. As V2I and I2V are dependent on the performance of the C-ITS

system, which will be a cooperative system, Europe has invested in the C-ROADS operational trial in order to estimate the potential of the V2X functionalities in the future. The project also includes the testing of the validity of the proposed standards and sets the groundwork for the European deployment programme through the definition of the applicable procedures and prerequisites. The work done in the Standardization mandate on a cooperative, intelligent transport system led the European Commission to highlight C-ITS as a priority for research, standardization, and deployment. This has led to the European coordinating group on C-ITS strategic deployment, which discusses the first operational activities that may be reinforced or already contribute to the next Connecting Europe Facility calls. The drafts of Deployment Roadmaps to bring C-ITS to the market clearly require Delegated Act(s) from EC as legal basis for the official roll-out of the first services funded by the Member States.

Within the Danish DARPA project, the Transport, Construction and Housing Research Ministry appoints the national representative to the DARPA Project Steering Committee. Since the DSG, Infrastructures and Vehicles part of the DARPA project has led to all our national projects and coordination groups dealing with connected vehicles, the advisory group for the Danish delegate to the DARPA project took the initiative to establish two working groups: the B2960 group on standardization of the electronic interfaces in the equipped vehicle, and the certification of the components including validation methodologies to allow our national voluntary agreement stakeholders to debate with the public authorities potential use of connected functionalities such as platooning of vehicles. No concrete agreement has been signed yet.

7. Conclusion

SCM is naturally a choice with a needed degree of modulation and scalability, and has proposed generic definition and presented typical application examples to demonstrate its practical value. Its structure ensures it provides broad coverage for vehicle operation attributes and constraints, and supports the review of many types of situation analyses on blame bucks for risk assessment in a detailed and quantitative manner. Using the model would bring potential gains in more holistic and comprehensive decision-making by ensuring the proper alternatives are considered for the estimation process and shared.

The three levels of the autonomous vehicle operation awareness model emphasize the cooperation between various estimation subjects in a supplementary manner, which also

clearly define a cooperative boundary condition and scope for the operation entities. Both the threat models and operation awareness models employ proper techniques for value estimation, and SCM with defined ubiquitous value models and estimation applications, are aiming at bridging a gap from a single discipline to inter-discipline communication, which benefits all their decision makings and, consequently, affects the life value of the vehicles.

The vehicle cybersecurity threat model provides a depiction of the threat spectrum for vehicle-to-external systems operations, mainly from the aspect of vehicle functions, and employing the detailed characteristics of attacks that pose a significant risk to vehicle operations so later more flexibility can be given to the analysis stakeholders. The metrics include indicators to calculate the risk of each attack, and as a quantitative and traceable extension, such quantified measurements and further safety or tamper protection dimensioning can be integrated and exploited.

As the cybersecurity threat landscape evolves with the development of the autonomous driving sector, the requirements of cybersecurity analysis for vehicle operations are covered in the paper, in which the related models for autonomous vehicle cybersecurity risk assessment are presented. The three models we propose can help stakeholder groups (like the security team, software developing team, operation team, and regulation team), who have great interests in the questions we pose, make their own analysis and research contributions covering the breadth and depth of the cybersecurity risk of autonomous vehicle operations.

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