Trusted Execution Environments and how far you can trust them

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- · Hardware & Software Co-Design for Security
- Embedded Systems Security
- Secure Processors & Trusted Computing
- Automated Software Testing and Formal Verification
- · Safety-Critical Systems, Automotive Computing





Automated Detection and Prevention of Vulnerabilities

Frank Piessens: "New trends in system software security"

JT on Tuesday: Developing and testing SW

Software security for the bad guys
 Lazy ways of finding and exploiting software vulnerabilities

2 How to build "perfect software"

Probably there is no such thing; but let's rule out as many vulnerabilities as possible and affordable

JT on Thursday: Trusted Computing

3 How to protect perfect software at runtime

... because not having vulnerabilities in your code may not be enough

4 Building security into distributed systems

Raoul Strackx: "Foreshadow - from oversight to a tech nightmare"



Review of Tuesday: Exploiting a Buffer Overflow

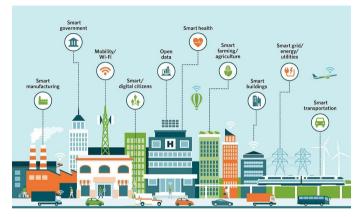
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/* stack1.c; https://github.com/gerasdf/InsecureProgramming */
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#include <stdio.h>
```

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int main() {
    int cookie;
    char buf[80];
    printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);
    gets(buf);
    if (cookie == 0x41424344) {
        printf("you win!\n");
    }
}
```

Task: Compile and exploit to get "you win!". Manually!





Infrastructure needs to be developed with safety, security and privacy in mind! What is critical infrastructure? What is critical code? Where is personal data being processed? What's the impact of failure?

Image source: https://internetofthingsagenda.techtarget.com/definition/smart-city





Understanding can be really difficult: What stake holders are involved? What are their objectives and abilities? What hardware and software is involved? Software quality? Data flows? Security requirements and guarantees?

Image source: https://medium.com/connected-news/iot-foundation-what-is-an-iot-platform-c37c5e72d4a0



Facebook Is Breached by Hackers, Putting 50 Million Users' Data at Risk



One of the challenges for Facebook's chief executive Mark Zuckerberg is convincing users that the company handles their data responsibly.

Source: https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/28/technology/facebook-hack-data-breach.html



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"The risks are about to get worse, because computers are being embedded into physical devices and will affect lives, not just our data."

- Bruce Schneier, [Sch18]





Just because the teledildonics patent has expired, sex tech companies shouldn't rush to bring connectivity to their products

Source: https://www.wired.co.uk/article/teledildonics-hacking-sex-toys (2017)



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Connected sex toys are gathering huge amounts of data about our most intimate moments. Problem is, they're always getting hacked. Welcome to the emerging field of Onion Dildonics

Source: https://www.wired.co.uk/article/sex-toy-bluetooth-hacks-security-fix (2018)

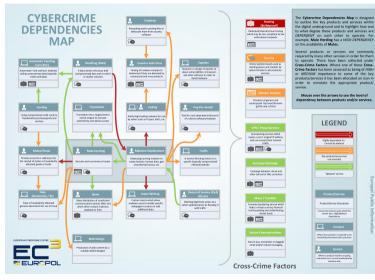


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Source: https://www.wired.com/2016/03/inside-cunning-unprecedented-hack-ukraines-power-grid/





Source: https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/cybercrime-dependencies-map



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DO WE JUST SUCK AT...COMPUTERS? YUP. ESPECIALLY SHARED ONES.

Source: https://www.xkcd.com/1938/

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Security

Understand the system.

 Context, hardware, software, data, users, use cases, etc.

2 Understand the security requirements.

- Requirements are not features!
- "Only authenticated users can do X."

Output Stand Understand the attacker.

 "Attackers can listen to all communication. can drop, reorder or replay messages, may compromise Y% of the system, can't break crypto."

Inderstand and embrace change!

- Discovery of vulnerabilities
- Different understanding of the system
- New (functional|security) requirements
- New attacks, different attackers

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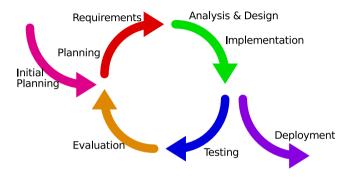








Security in the Software Development Life-Cycle



Understand the system • Understand the security requirements • Understand the attacker • Understand and embrace change!

Threat Modelling: Ask the right questions at the right moment, learn about attacks and defenses, and argue why and when something is trustworthy.



What can we trust?



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What can we trust?

- · Reasoning about security is about setting boundaries
 - · Which parts are considered trusted, and which parts are not?
 - · How far do we want to go in defending your application?
 - · What kind of security is economically viable?
- Building secure systems requires rigorous security arguments
 - Having a good idea about what you are building.
 - Determining which attackers are considered to be in scope.
 - Analysing potential vulnerabilities, and introducing appropriate countermeasures.
- A security argument is a rigorous argument that under a given adversary model, a countermeasure effectively counters a threat, or a security mechanism achieves a security goal.



What can we trust?

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Source: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-10-04/the-big-hack-how-china-used-a-tiny-chip-to-infiltrate-america...



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Gathering Platform Requirements – A Thought Experiment



Sensors come from different vendors. Why would you trust them? The cloud is "other people's computers". Why trust them? Terminals may be used and managed by health care professionals... There are huge software and hardware stacks with multiple vendors everywhere.

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Reasoning about security is about setting boundaries!

How would you design this system?

- · Get a cyber insurance!
- · Thread modelling, risk assessment, etc.
- · Anonymisation of data, if possible
- · Zero Trust, micro-segmentation and granular perimeters

How can the execution environment (= hardware) help you?

- Encryption
- Isolation, Security Rings
- Minimise Trusted Computing Base: remove hypervisors, OSs, libraries from TCB



Gathering Platform Requirements – A Real System

"We don't want the Signal service to have visibility into the social graph of Signal users. Signal is always aspiring to be as 'zero knowledge' as possible, and having a durable record of every user's friends and contacts on our servers would obviously not be privacy-preserving."



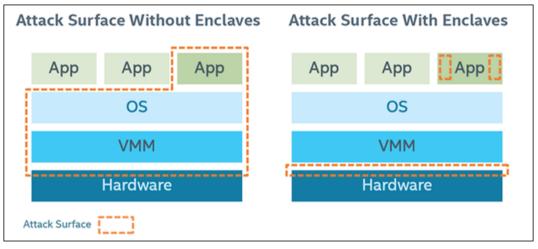
- **1** Run a contact discovery service in a secure SGX enclave.
- Olients that wish to perform contact discovery negotiate a secure connection over the network all the way through the remote OS to the enclave.
- 3 Clients perform remote attestation to ensure that the code which is running in the *enclave is the same as the expected published open source code*.
- Olients transmit [...] their address book to the enclave.
- The enclave looks up a client's contacts in the set of all registered users and encrypts the results back to the client.

Source: https://signal.org/blog/private-contact-discovery/

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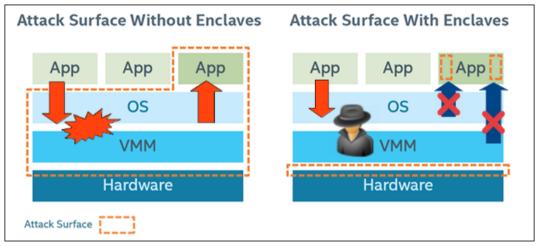


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Layered architecture \leftrightarrow hardware-only TCB

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- Trusted third party as an intermediary to provide (ano|pseudo)nymity

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Possible Applications

Digital rights management [edit]

Trusted Computing would allow companies to create a digital rights management (DRM though not impossible. An example is downloading a music file. Sealed storage could be with an unauthorized player or computer. Remote attestation could be used to authorize record company's rules. The music would be played from curtained memory, which wo copy of the file while it is playing, and secure I/O would prevent capturing what is being system would require either manipulation of the computer's hardware, capturing the arrecording device or a microphone, or breaking the security of the system.

New business models for use of software (services) over Internet may be boosted by the one could base a business model on renting programs for a specific time periods or "pa download a music file which could only be played a certain number of times before it be only within a certain time period.

Preventing cheating in online games [edit]

Trusted Computing could be used to combat cheating in online games. Some players m advantages in the game; remote attestation, secure I/O and memory curtaining could b a server were running an unmodified copy of the software.^[18]

Verification of remote computation for grid computing [edit]

Trusted Computing could be used to guarantee participants in a grid computing system they claim to be instead of forging them. This would allow large scale simulations to be redundant computations to guarantee malicious hosts are not undermining the results

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According to Richard Stallman

Treacherous Computing: "The technical idea underlying treacherous computing is that the computer includes a digital encryption and signature device, and the keys are kept secret from you. Proprietary programs will use this device to control which other programs you can run, which documents or data you can access, and what programs you can pass them to. These programs will continually download new authorisation rules through the Internet, and impose those rules automatically on your work."

In the light of recent incidents...

- · Buggy software: think of OpenSSL's Heartbleed in an enclave
- Side channels: timing, caching, speculative execution, etc.
- Buggy system: CPUs, peripherals, firmware (Broadpwn, Intel ME, Meltdown)
- Malicious intent: Backdoors, ransomware, etc.

Source: https://www.gnu.org/philosophy/can-you-trust.html

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Trusted Computing (and why Sancus?)

Good design practice for trusted computing? Good use cases for trusted computing?

- non-invasive, understandable, measurably secure
- stuff that matters: critical applications, critical infrastructure, embedded

Don't restrict the user but enable them, convince them to trust.
Build to validate, invite to scrutinise: hardware and software.
Build upon well-understood OSS building blocks: hardware, crypto, compilers, OS, libs Divide and conquer: memory curtaining and isolation make validation easier

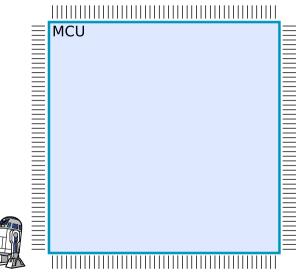


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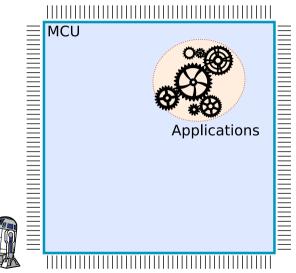


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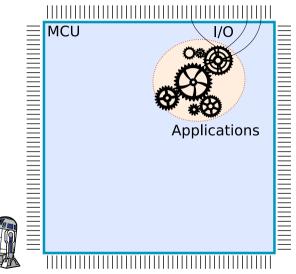


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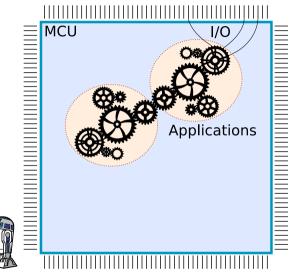
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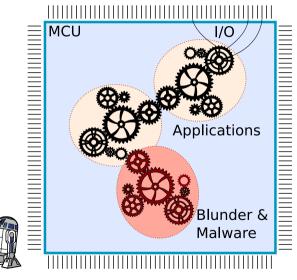


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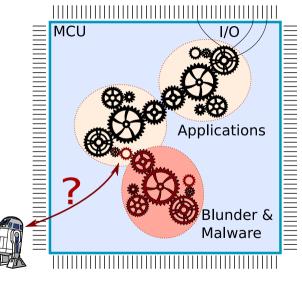
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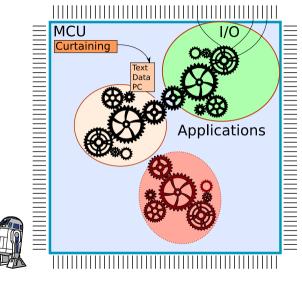


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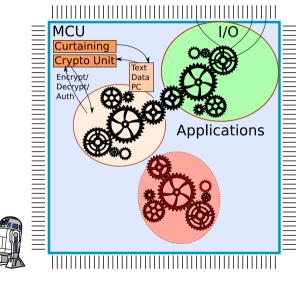


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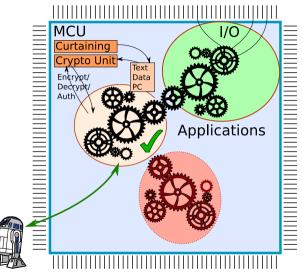
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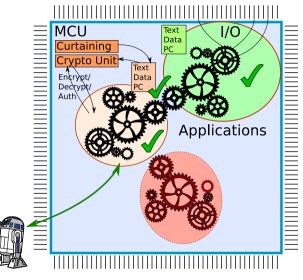


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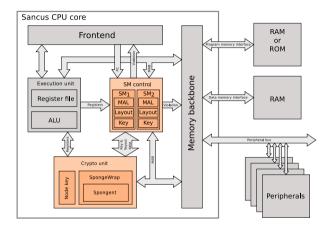
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Efficient

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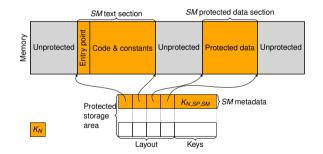
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N =Node; SP =Software Provider / Deployer SM =protected Software Module



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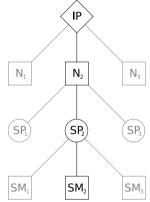
Attestation and Communication with Sancus

Ability to use $K_{N,SP,SM}$ proves the integrity and isolation of *SM* deployed by *SP* on *N*

- Only *N* and *SP* can compute *K*_{N,SP,SM} *N* knows *K*_N and *SP* knows *K*_{SP}
- K_{N,SP,SM} on N is computed after enabling isolation No isolation, no key; no integrity, wrong key
- Only *SM* on *N* is allowed to use *K*_{*N*,*SP*,*SM*} Through special instructions

Remote attestation and secure communication by Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data

- · Confidentiality, integrity and authenticity
- Encrypt and decrypt instructions use $K_{N,SP,SM}$ of the calling SM
- · Associated Data can be used for nonces to get freshness



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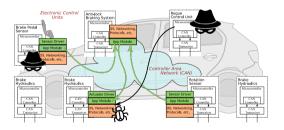
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Secure Automotive Computing with Sancus [VBMP17]

Modern cars can be hacked!

- Network of more than 50 ECUs
- Multiple communication networks
- Remote entry points
- · Limited built-in security mechanisms





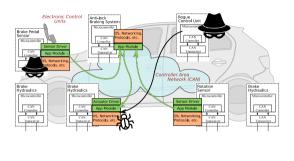
Miller & Valasek, "Remote exploitation of an unaltered passenger vehicle", 2015

Sancus brings strong security for embedded control systems:

- Message authentication
- Trusted Computing: software component isolation and cryptography
- · Strong software security
- Applicable in automotive, ICS, IoT, ...



Secure Automotive Computing with Sancus [VBMP17]

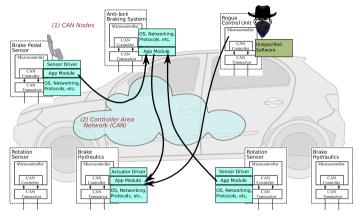




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VuICAN: Generic design to exploit light-weight TC in CAN-based control networks; https://distrinet.cs.kuleuven.be/software/vulcan/ Implementation: based on Sancus [NVBM+17]; we implement, strengthen and evaluate authentication protocols, vatiCAN [NR16] and LeiA [RG16]

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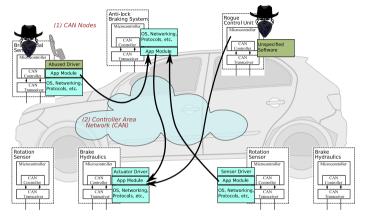
Complex bus system with many ECUs and gateways to other communication systems; no protection against message injection or replay attacks.

 \rightarrow Message Authentication; specified in AUTOSAR, proposals: vatiCAN, LeiA; no efficient and cost-effective implementations yet

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Attacking CAN Message Authentication



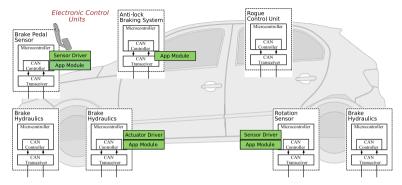
What about Software Security?

Lack of security mechanisms on light-weight ECUs leverages software vulnerabilities: attackers may be able to bypass encryption and authentication.

 \rightarrow Software Component Authentication & Isolation

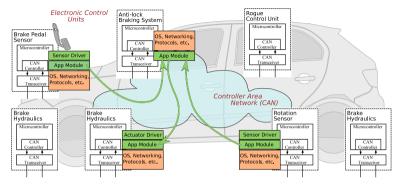
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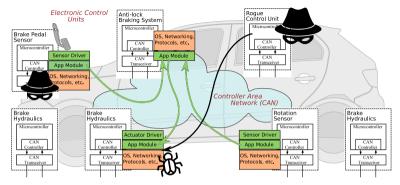
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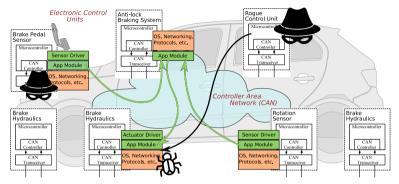
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Authentic Execution of Distributed Event-Driven Applications



"Authentic Execution of Distributed Event-Driven Applications with a Small TCB", Noorman et al., STM 2017. [NMP17]

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Trusted Execution for Everyone

Fortanix solves cloud security and privacy using runtime encryption technology build upon Intel SGX. https://fortanix.com/

SCONE enables secure execution of containers and programs using Intel SGX. https://sconecontainers.github.io/

Graphene-SGX: A practical library OS for unmodified applications on SGX. https://github.com/oscarlab/graphene

Open Enclave is an SDK for building enclave applications in C and C++. https://github.com/Microsoft/openenclave

Our Tutorial: Building distributed enclave applications with Sancus and SGX https://github.com/sancus-pma/tutorial-dsn18

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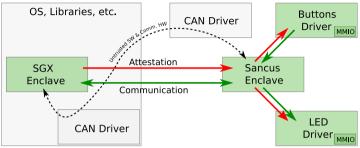
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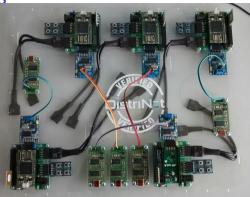
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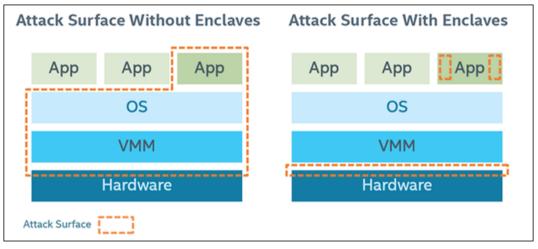
Trusted Execution does not help you if you don't know what to protect.

(Trusted) Execution can be observed through indirect channels and may leak secrets through these channels.



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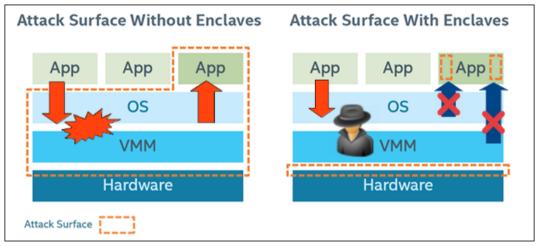


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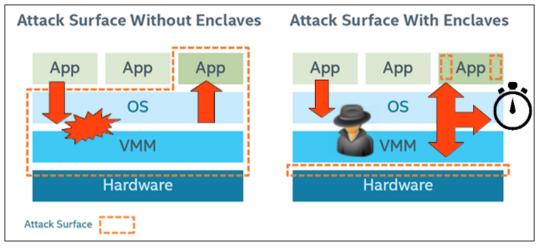
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Layered architecture \leftrightarrow hardware-only TCB

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Untrusted OS \rightarrow new class of powerful side-channels





Side-Channel Attack Principle

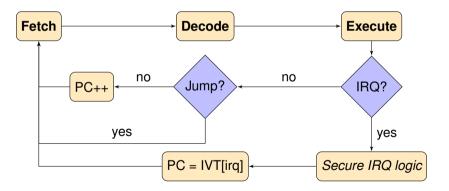




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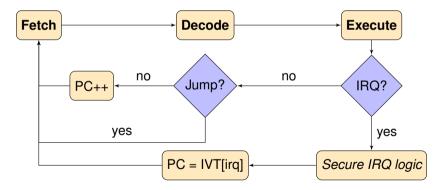


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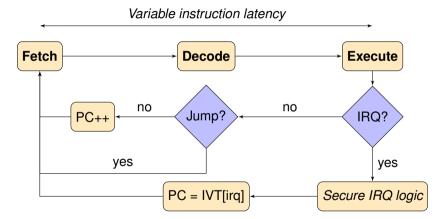
Note: IRQ only served after current instruction has completed





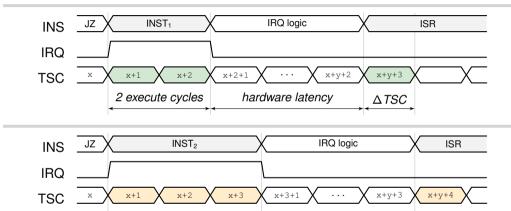
Wait a Cycle

\Rightarrow IRQ latency leaks instruction execution time (!)





Interrupt Latency as a Side-Channel



3 execute cycles

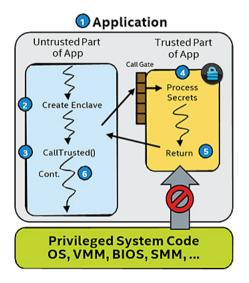
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Developing and testing secure software

hardware latency

Intel SGX Helicopter View



- Protected enclave in application's virtual address space
- **x86** CPU: ∃ pipeline, cache, out-of-order execution, ...
- Secure **interrupt** hardware mechanism: AEX/ERESUME



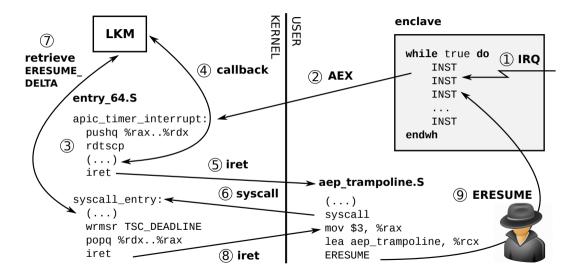


Interrupting and Resuming Enclaves

Goal: single-step through SGX enclave: interrupt each instruction sequentially and record corresponding *IRQ latency trace*



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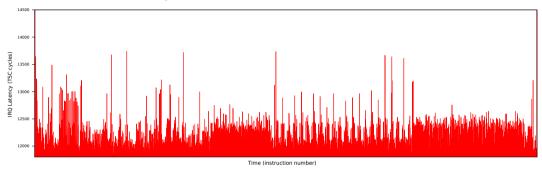


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Macrobenchmark: Modular Exponentiation

```
function SQUARE AND MULTIPLY(c.d.e.n)
    r \leftarrow rand()
    c \leftarrow c * r^e \mod n
    m \leftarrow 1
    for most to least significant bit b in d do
       m \leftarrow m^2 \mod n
        if b then
            m \leftarrow m * c \mod n
       end if
    end for
    return m * r^{-1} \mod n
end function
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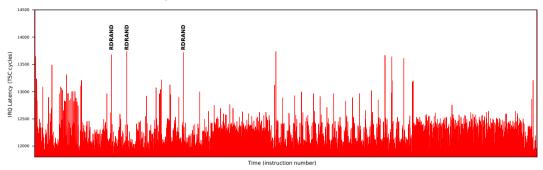




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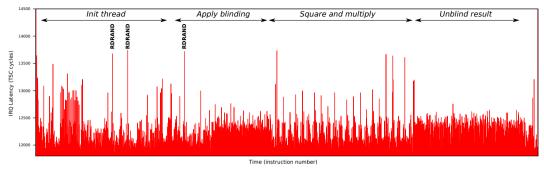


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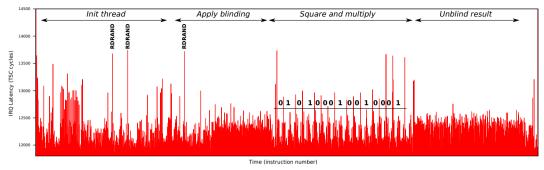


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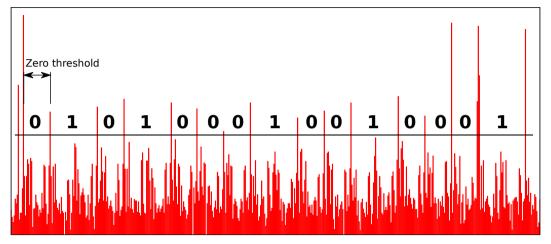


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- Full 16-bit key recovery





Flush page table entry for global variable accessed every loop iteration

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Nemesis [VBPS18] is the first remote side-channel for **embedded + high-end** trusted computing hardware

IRQ latency trace reveals micro-architectural behavior:

- · Lots of noise/non-determinism on modern CPUs
- Abuse subtle timing differences with machine learning?

Defense techniques:

- Eliminate *secret-dependent control flow* ↔ practice
- · Sancus secure hardware patch to mask IRQ latency



Summary

[Tuesday: Fuzzing, Testing & Formal Verification]

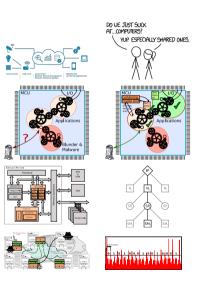
- There are automated techniques to find vulnerabilities and to generate exploits
- 2 ... or to build really secure software
- 3 Correct code still needs protection against layer-below attacks!

Trusted Execution Technology

- 1 Strong application isolation and attestation
- 2 No protection against buggy software!
- 3 Potential for invasive use

Sancus

- 1 The Open-Source Trusted Computing Architecture
- 2 Built upon openMSP430 16-bit MCU, applications in IoT and embedded control systems
- 3 Research prototype under active development!







"The risks are about to get worse, because computers are being embedded into physical devices and will affect lives, not just our data."

- Bruce Schneier, [Sch18]

Thank you! Questions?

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