



Attack Knowledge Base for Automotive

**ATHENA: Advanced THreat knowlEdge-base
for Networked Automotive**

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Models



APT
Investigation



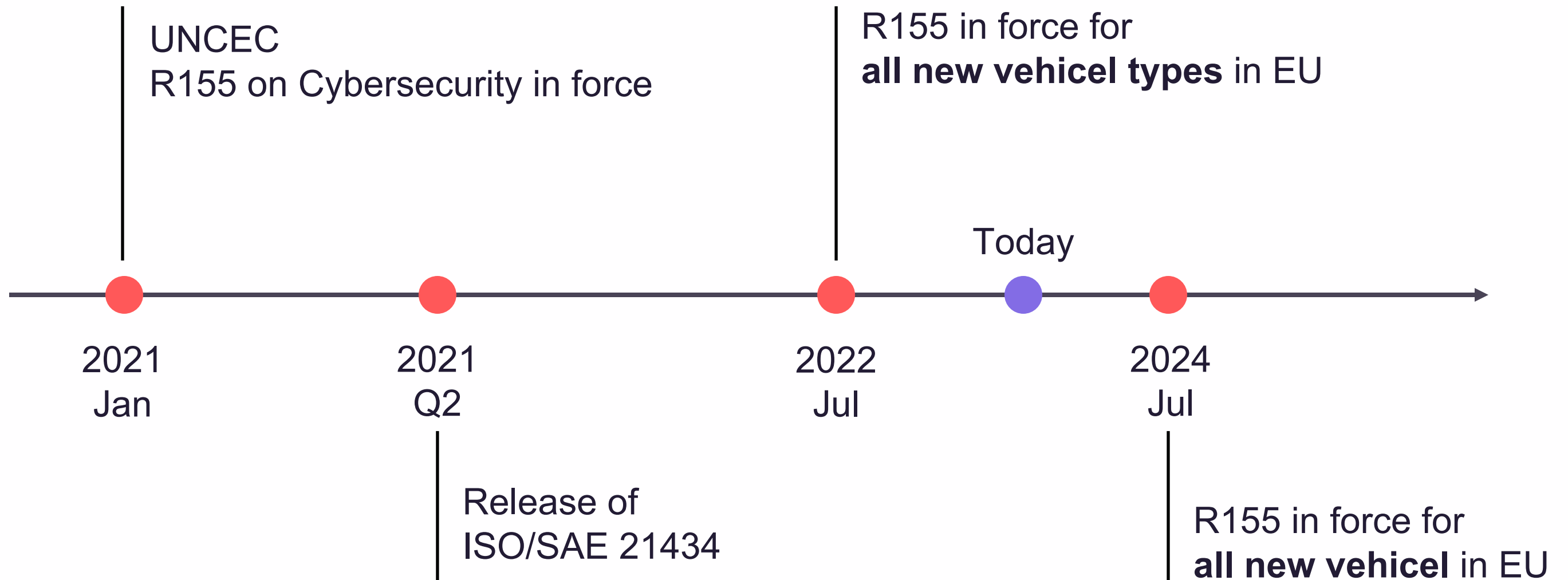
Identity base Attack
Path Analysis

Outline

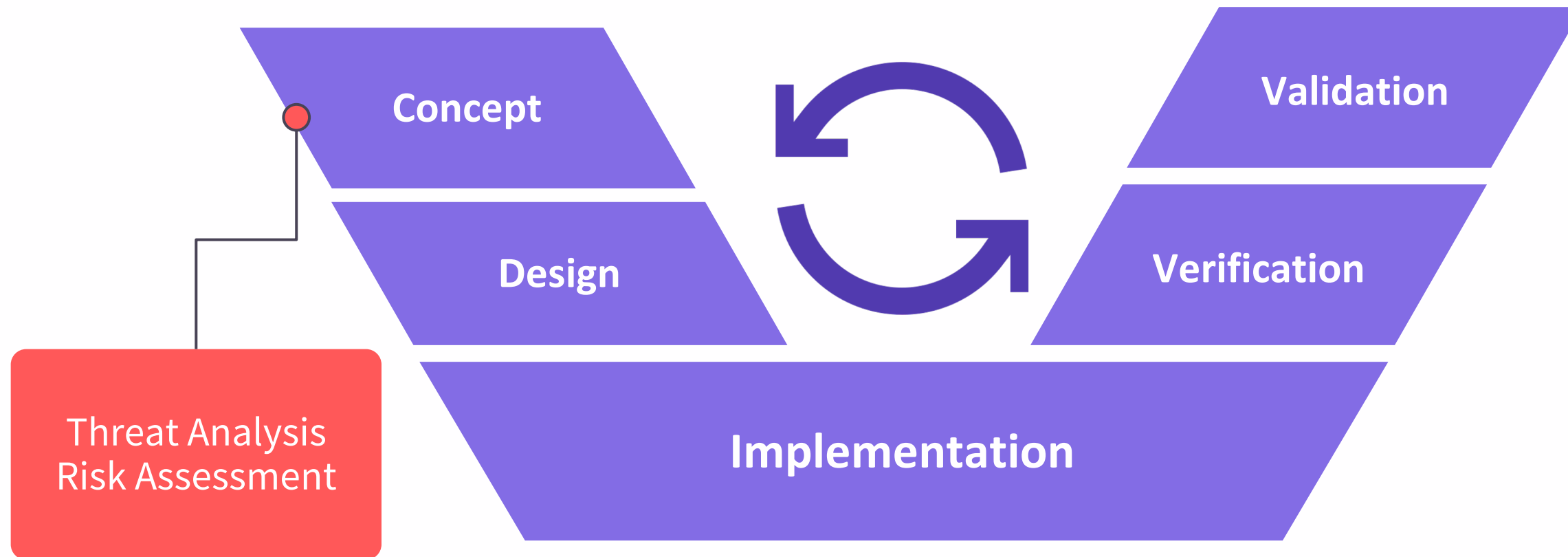
- Background: Regulation and Standard
- Challenges and Difficulties: Consulting Case Study
- ATHENA: Advanced THreat knowlEdge-base for Networked Automotive
- Case Studies: Integrate ATHENA with ISO/SAE 21434
- Conclusion



Background



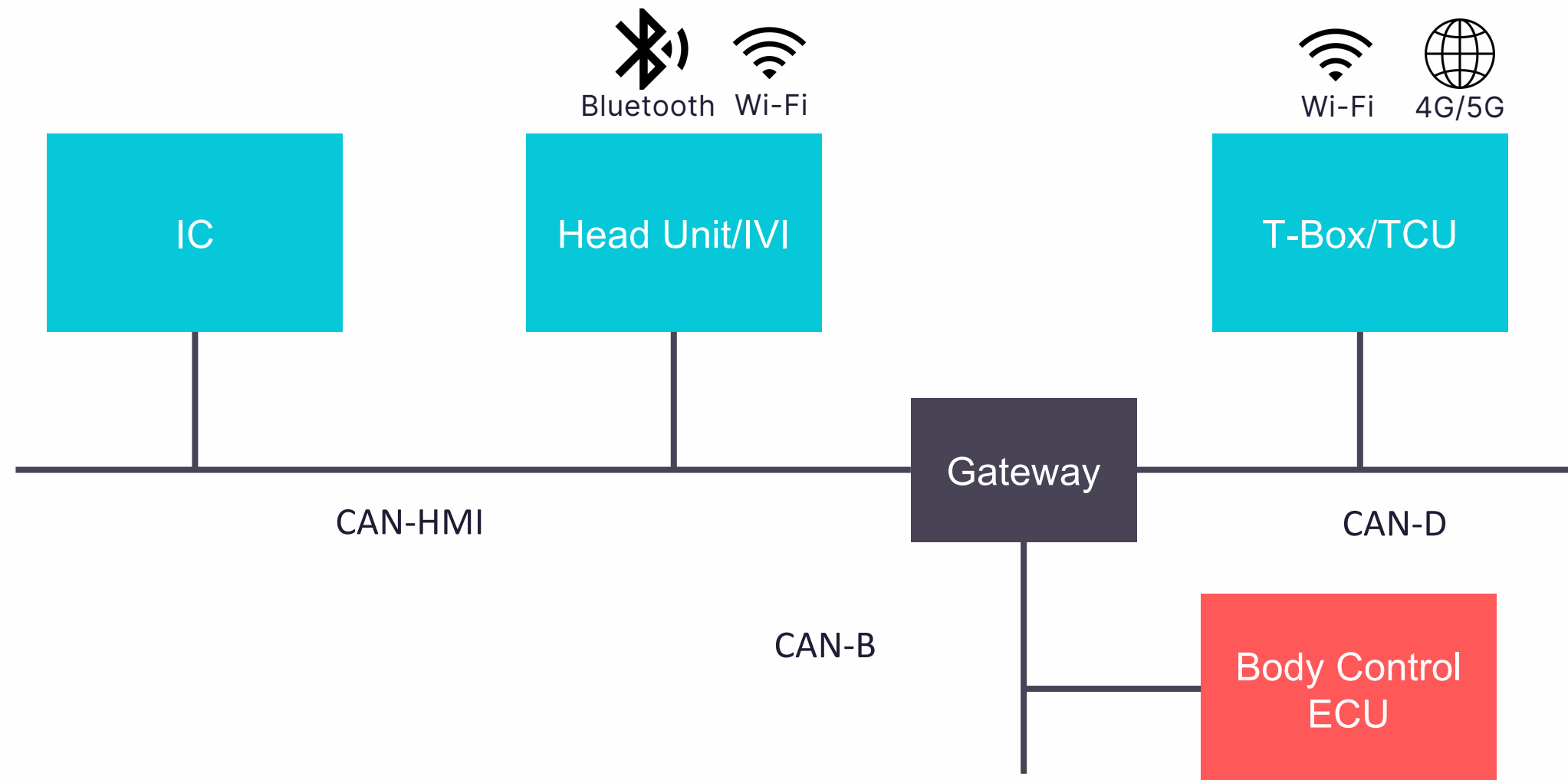
ISO/SAE 21434 Lifecycle



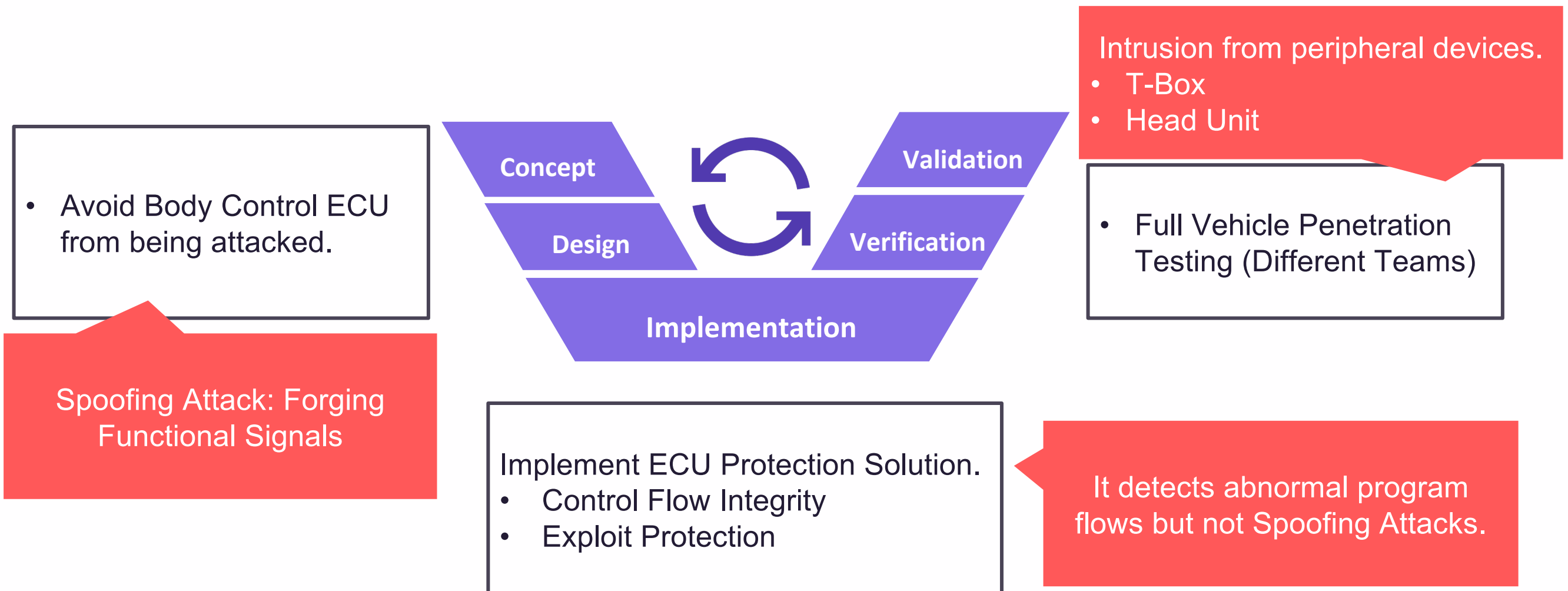


Challenges and Difficulties

Consulting Case Study



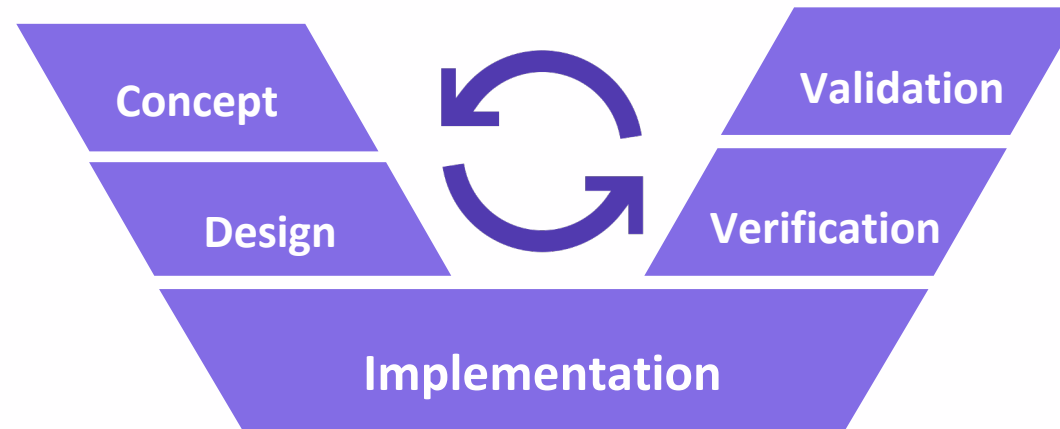
Before Consulting





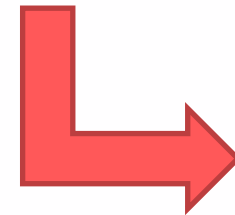
Difficulties: Information Inconsistency

- Lack of global view on attack techniques.
- Unknown the root cause of attack techniques.



- Lack of systematic and comprehensive validation program

TARA results don't effectively transform to mitigation/detection solutions.



- Misunderstanding mitigate/detect coverage of solution.



TARA and implementation results don't effectively transform to validation program



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MITRE ATT&CK® is a globally-accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations. The ATT&CK knowledge base is used as a foundation for the development of specific threat models and methodologies in the private sector, in government, and in the cybersecurity product and service community.

With the creation of ATT&CK, MITRE is fulfilling its mission to solve problems for a safer world – by bringing communities together to develop more effective cybersecurity. ATT&CK is open and available to any person or organization for use at no charge.

ATT&CK Matrix for Enterprise

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration
10 techniques	8 techniques	10 techniques	14 techniques	20 techniques	14 techniques	42 techniques	17 techniques	32 techniques	9 techniques	17 techniques	3 techniques

Enterprise

<https://attack.mitre.org>

MITRE ATLAS™ (Adversarial Threat Landscape for Artificial-Intelligence Systems) is a globally accessible, living knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world attack observations and realistic demonstrations from AI red teams and security groups. There are a growing number of vulnerabilities in AI-enabled systems, as the incorporation of AI increases the attack surface of existing systems beyond those of traditional cyber-attacks. We developed ATLAS to raise awareness of these unique and evolving vulnerabilities, as the global community starts to incorporate AI into more systems. ATLAS is modeled after the MITRE ATT&CK® framework and its tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) are complementary to those in ATT&CK.

ATLAS™

The ATLAS Matrix below shows the general progression of attack tactics as column headers from left to right, with attack techniques organized below each tactic. * indicates a tactic or technique directly adapted from MITRE ATT&CK. Click on the blue links to learn more about each item, or search and view more details about ATLAS tactics and techniques using the links in the top navigation bar.

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	ML Model Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Collection	ML Attack Staging	Exfiltration
5 techniques	7 techniques	6 techniques	4 techniques	3 techniques	3 techniques	3 techniques	1 technique	4 techniques	3 techniques	4 techniques	4 techniques	4 techniques

AI

<https://atlas.mitre.org>



Automotive

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Attack Matrix for Automotive

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layout: side ▾ show sub-techniques hide sub-techniques

Initial Access&	Execution&	Persistence&	Privilege Escalation&	Defense Evasion&	Credential Access&	Discovery&	Lateral Movement&	Collection&	Command and Control&	Exfiltration&	Impact&
11 techniques	7 techniques	6 techniques	4 techniques	7 techniques	4 techniques	8 techniques	5 techniques	7 techniques	11 techniques	7 techniques	6 technique
Deliver Malicious App via Authorized App Store &	Command and Scripting Interpreter &	Account Manipulation &	Escape to Host &	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism &	Brute Force &	File and Directory Discovery &	Backend Remote Services	Adversary-in-the-Middle &	Application Layer Protocol &	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol &	Denial of Operational
Exploit via backend service	Container Administration Command &	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts &	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation &	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information &	Network Sniffing &	Network Service Scanning &	ECU Exploitation	Archive Collected Data &	Communication Through Cellular Network	Exfiltration Over Bluetooth &	Loss of Financial
Exploit via Charging Station	Deploy Container &	Modify Trusted Execution Environment &	Process Injection &	Exploitation for Defense Evasion &	OS Credential Dumping &	Network Sniffing &	Exploitation of Backend Remote Services	Audio Capture &	Communication Through Diagnostic Port	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel &	Loss of Operational
Exploit via ODB port	Inter-Process Communication &	Rewrite ECU Image/Firmware	Valid Accounts &	Impair Defenses (3) &	Unsecured Credentials (4) &	Process Discovery &	Exploitation of Remote Services in In-Vehicle Network	Data from Local System &	Communication Through Short Range Wireless	Exfiltration Over Cellular Network	Loss of Safety &
Exploit via radio interface	Native API &	Scheduled Task/Job &		Subvert Trust Controls (2) &		System Information Discovery &	Remote services in In-Vehicle Network	Data Staged &	Data Encoding &	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium &	Manipulatio of Operational
External Remote Services &	Scheduled Task/Job &	Valid Accounts &		Valid Accounts &		System Network Configuration Discovery &		Personal Information Collection	Data Obfuscation &	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium &	Theft of Privacy
Hardware Additions &	System Services &			Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion &		System Network Connections Discovery &		Vehicle Telemetry Collection	Dynamic Resolution &	Exfiltration Over Short Range Wireless	
Phishing &						UDS Service Discovery			Encrypted Channel &		
Replication Through Removable									Non-Application Layer Protocol &		

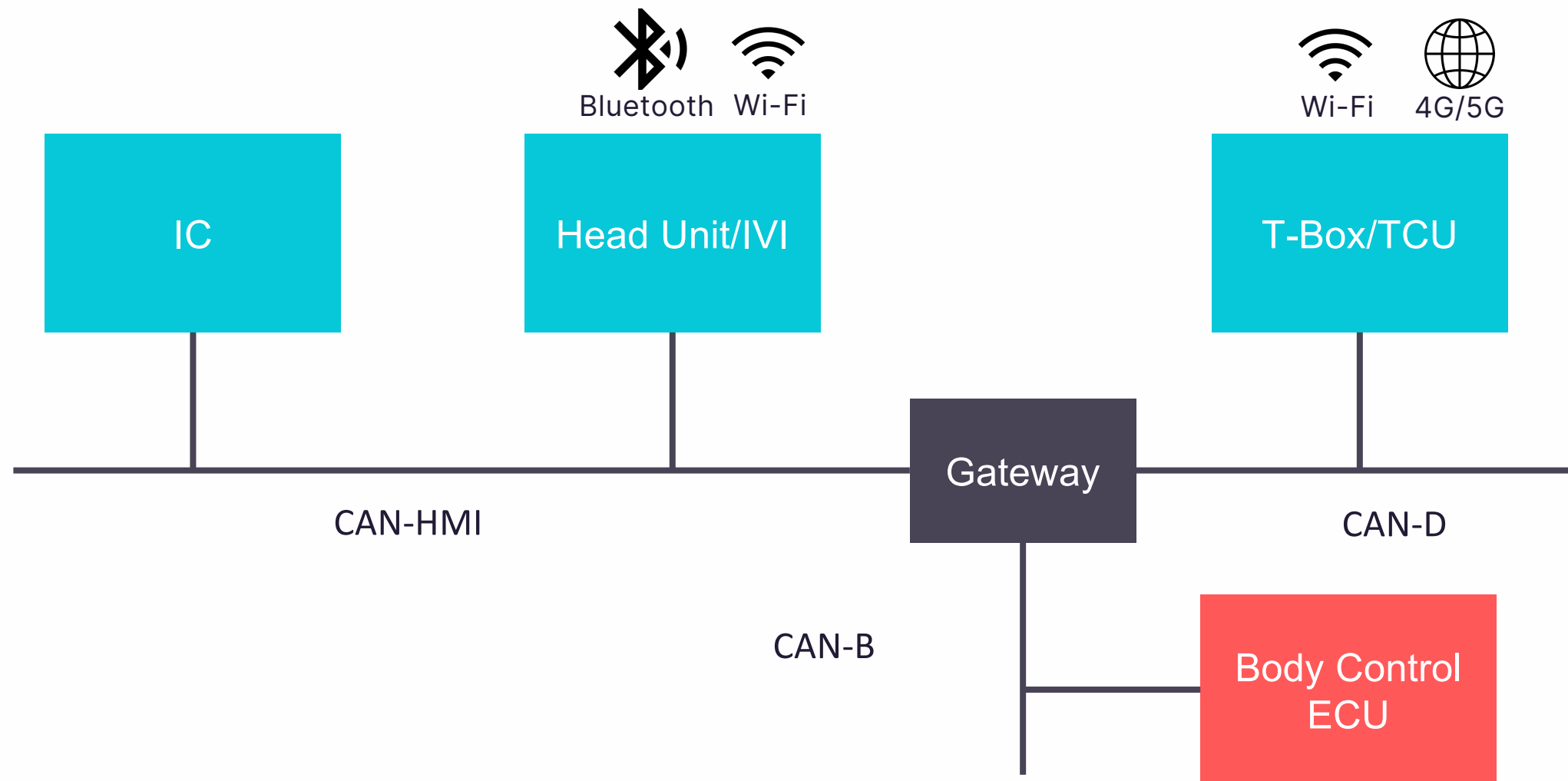
Roadmap

- **Initial release**
 - Basic tactics and techniques
- **Future update**
 - Add real-world case study for each techniques
 - Add detection/mitigation for each techniques
 - Add UNCEC WP.29 R155 Annex 5 mapping
 - Add tactics related to autonomous and roadside unit





Case Studies: Integrate ATHENA with ISO/SAE 21434

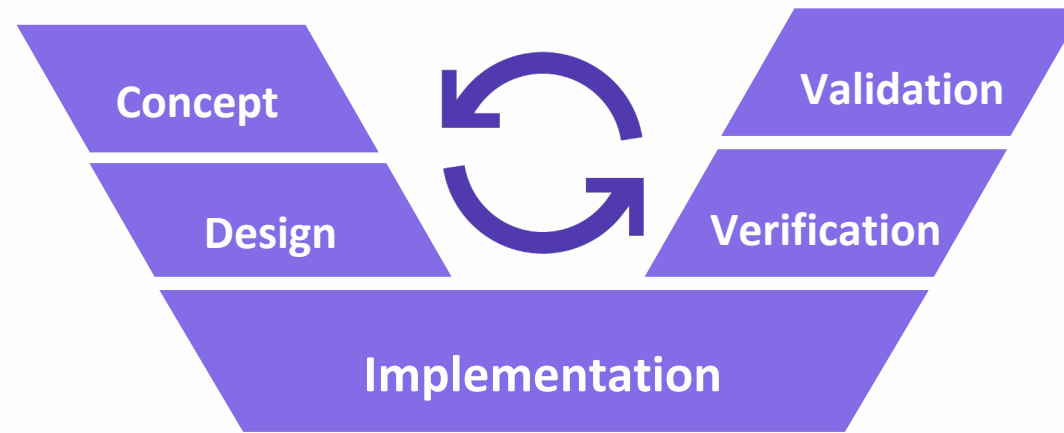
Back to Consulting Case Study



ISO/SAE 21434 Workflow

- TARA

-  Objectivity
-  Availability

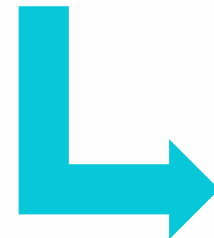


- Functional Testing
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- Fuzz Testing
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Effective Verification



The best practice solution offered by the **ATHENA**.



- V-SOC
- ECU Protection
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The verification program base on the TARA and implementation results offered by the **ATHENA**.

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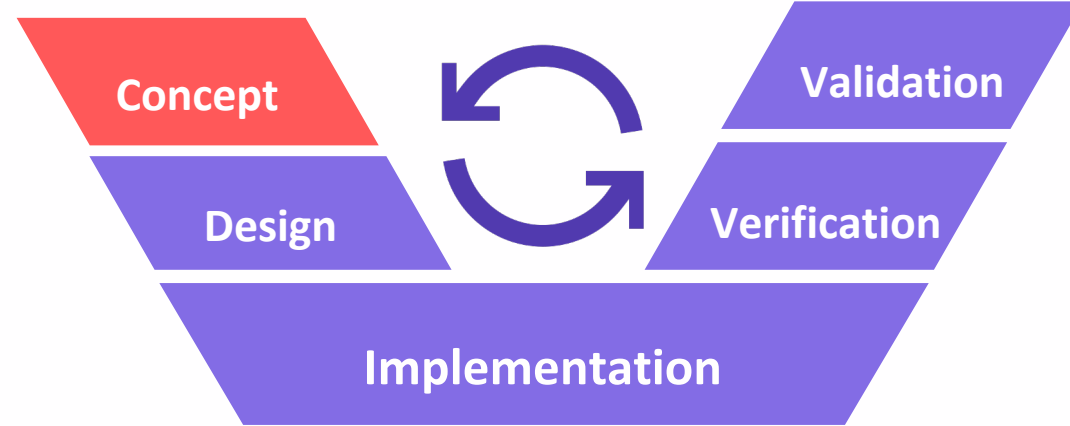
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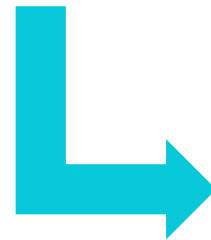


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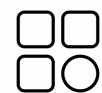
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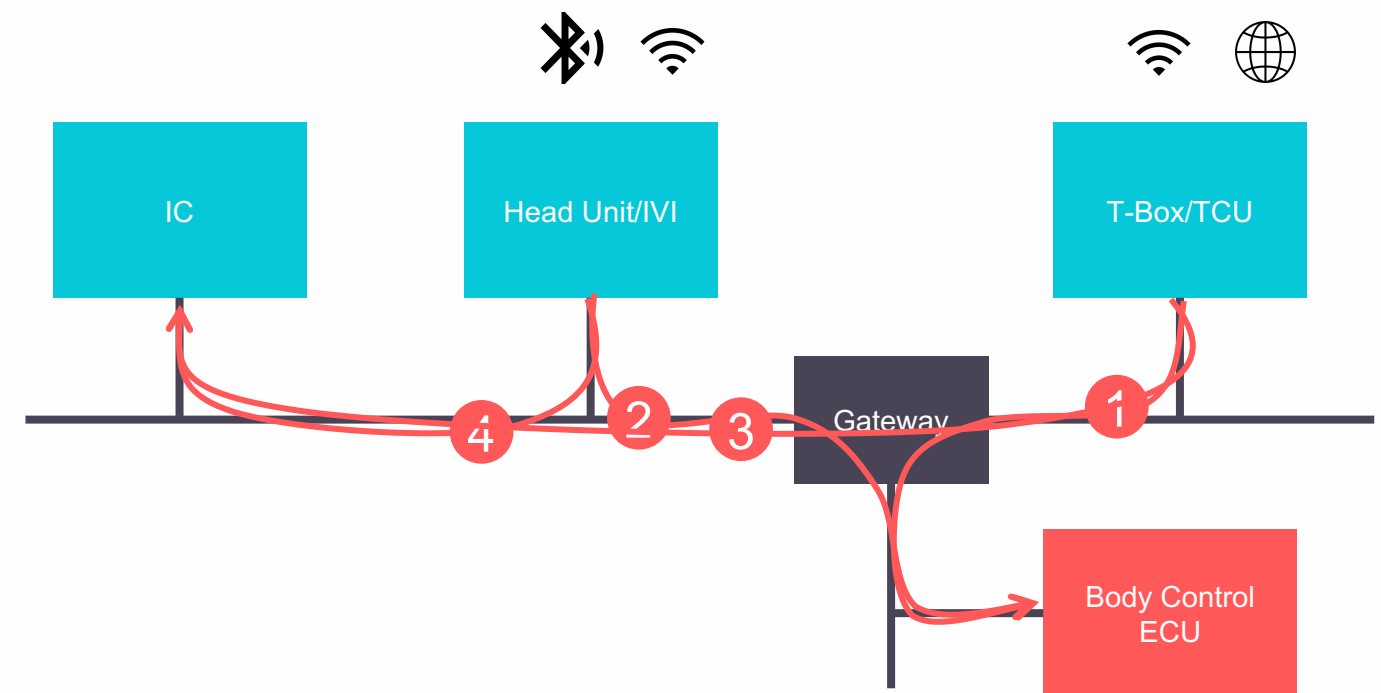
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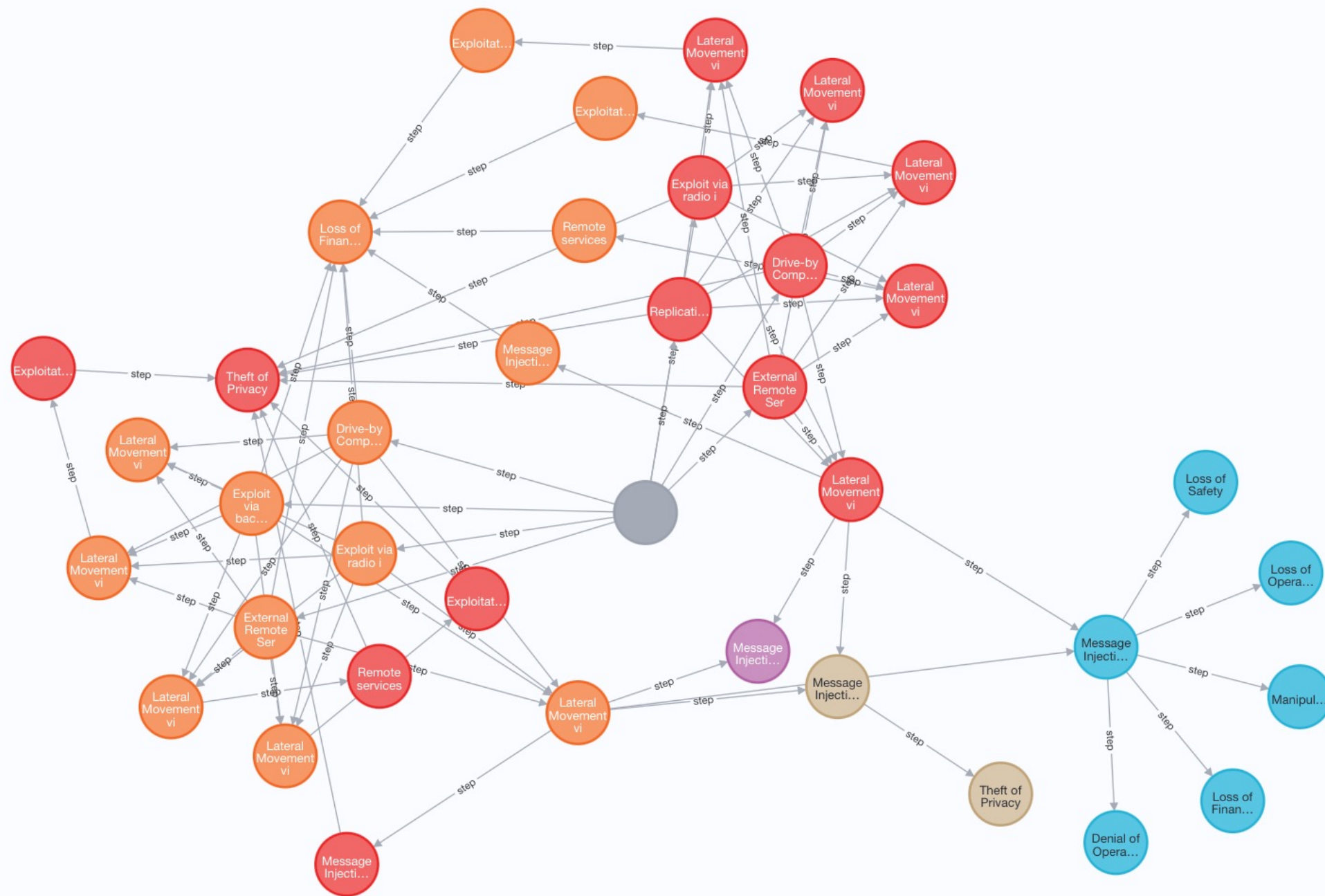
Potential Risk Matrix for each Component

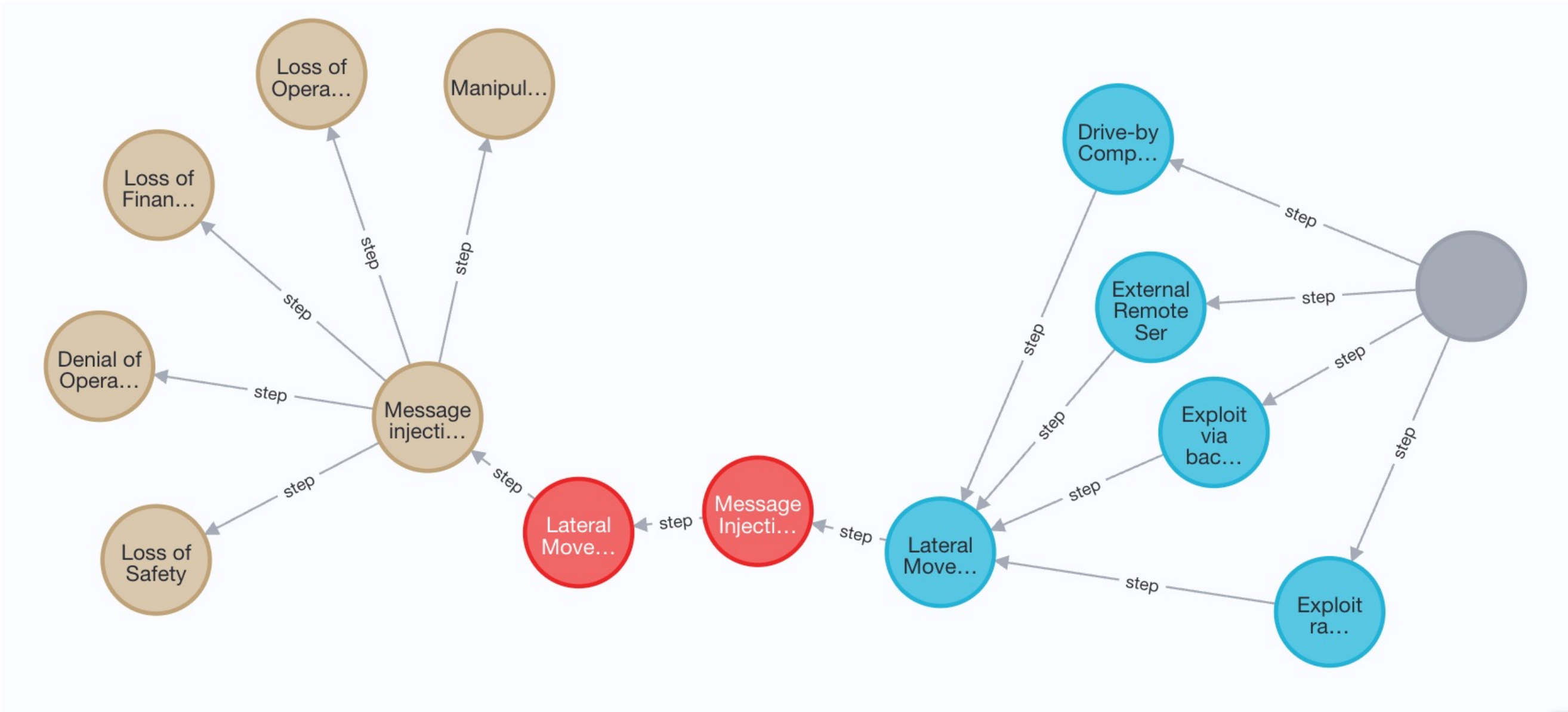
Component	Potential Risk Matrix																													
<p>T-Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linux Remote Control Service CAN Bus 	<p>Initial access 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive-by Compromise Exploit via backend service Exploit via radio interface External Remote Services + New 				<p>Execution 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Command and scripting interpreter Inter-Process Communication Native API Scheduled Task/Job Shellcode Execution System Services Transmit In-Vehicle Network Signal + New 			<p>Persistence 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts Rewrite ECU Image/Firmware Scheduled Task/Job + New 		<p>Privilege esc. 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code injection Exploitation for Privilege Escalation + New 		<p>Defense evas. 8 ... +</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse elevation control mechanism Bypass CAN Restrict Bypass code signing Bypass mandatory access control Bypass UDS security access Disable (or modify system) firewall Exploitation for Defense Evasion Rewrite ECU Image + New 			<p>Credential ac. 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capture SMS message Network sniffing Unsecured credentials + New 		<p>Discovery 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File and directory discovery Network service scanning Network sniffing Process discovery System information discovery UDS Service Discovery + New 		<p>Lateral move 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lateral Movement via Backend Remote Services Lateral Movement via ECU Exploitation Lateral Movement via Local Remote Services Exploitation Lateral Movement via Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network Lateral Movement via Remote services + New 		<p>Lateral move 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploitation of Backend Remote Services Exploitation of ECU Exploitation of Local Remote Services Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network Remote services + New 		<p>Collection 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adversary-in-the-Middle Archive Collected Data Capture SMS message + New 		<p>Command an 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application layer protocol Communication Through Cellular Network Data Encoding Data Obfuscation Encrypted Channel Non-Application Layer Protocol Non-Standard Port + New 		<p>Exfiltration 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol Exfiltration Over C2 Channel Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium Transfer Data to Cloud Account + New 		<p>Impact 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of Financial Theft of Privacy + New 	
<p>IC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTOS CAN Bus 	<p>Initial access 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 				<p>Execution 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shellcode Execution Transmit In-Vehicle Network Signal + New 		<p>Persistence 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewrite ECU Image/Firmware + New 		<p>Privilege esc. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code injection + New 		<p>Defense evas. 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bypass CAN Restrict Bypass code signing Bypass UDS security access Disable Memory Protection Rewrite ECU Image + New 			<p>Credential ac. 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Discovery 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDS Service Discovery + New 		<p>Lateral move 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lateral Movement via ECU Exploitation Lateral Movement via Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network + New 		<p>Lateral move 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploitation of ECU Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network + New 		<p>Collection 2 ... +</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access vehicle telemetry Adversary-in-the-Middle + New 		<p>Command an 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Exfiltration 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Impact 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft of Privacy + New 		
<p>Gateway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAN Bus Firewall AUTOSAR 	<p>Initial access 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 				<p>Execution 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Command and scripting interpreter Transmit In-Vehicle Network Signal + New 		<p>Persistence 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Privilege esc. 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Defense evas. 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bypass CAN Restrict Bypass UDS security access Disable (or modify system) firewall + New 			<p>Credential ac. 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Discovery 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDS Service Discovery + New 		<p>Lateral move 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lateral Movement via ECU Exploitation Lateral Movement via Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network + New 		<p>Lateral move 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploitation of ECU Message Injection in In-Vehicle Network + New 		<p>Collection 1 ... +</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adversary-in-the-Middle + New 		<p>Command an 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Exfiltration 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		<p>Impact 0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + New 		

Attack Path Analysis

1. T-Box → Gateway → Body ECU
2. Head Unit → Gateway → Body ECU
3. T-Box → Gateway → IC
4. Head Unit → IC







Body ECU

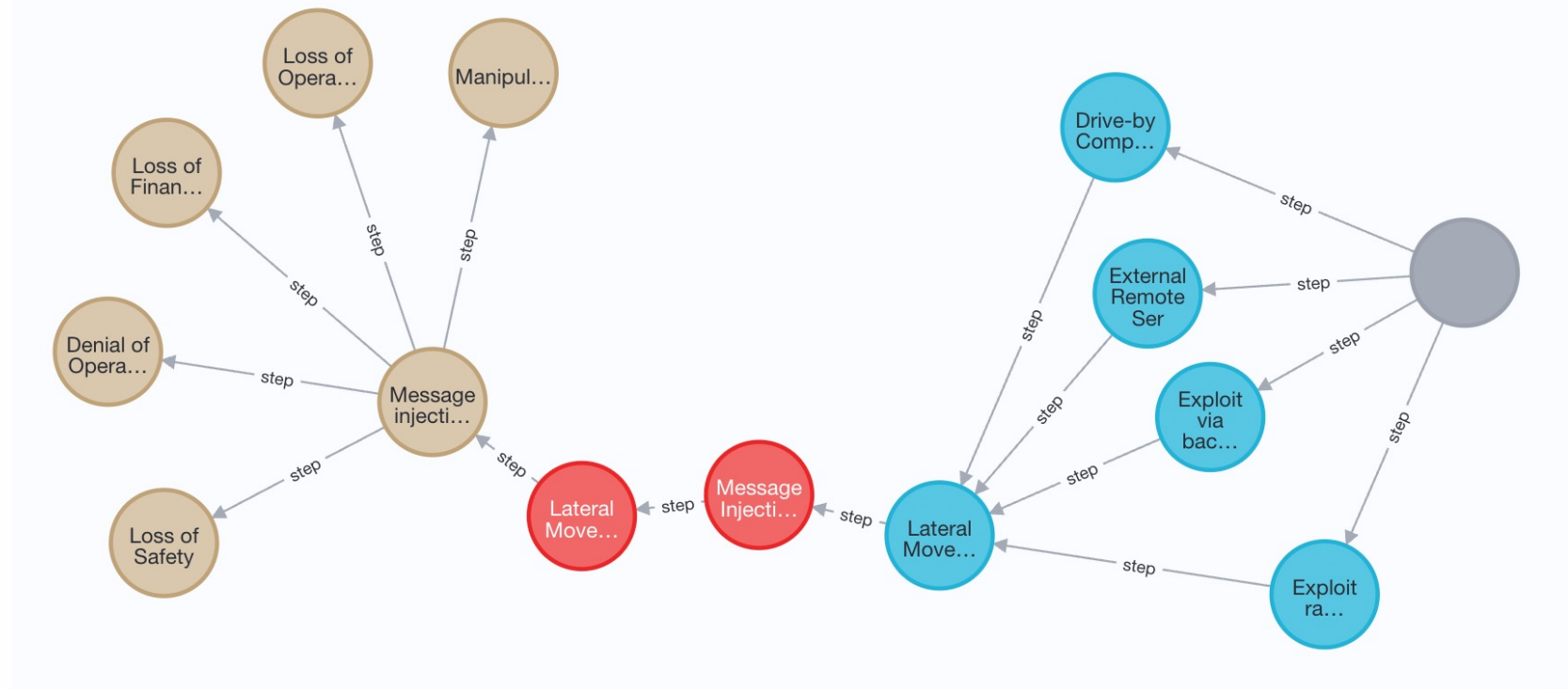
Gateway

T-Box

Root

Export Actionable Mitigation/Detection

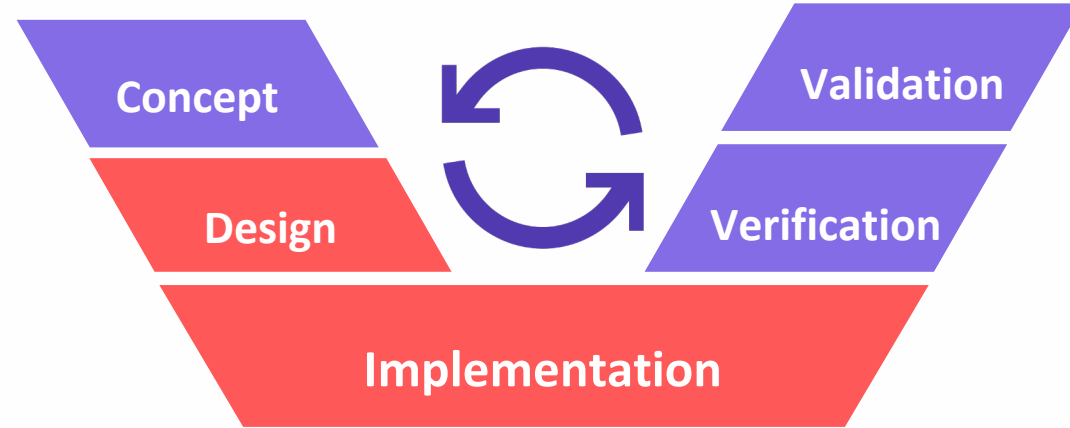
- Network Segmentation
- V-SOC
- Security OTA
- Exploit Protection
- APP Sandbox



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Decision

	Identify	Protect	Detect	Respond	Recover
Devices	Security OTA * 26 Vuln Scanning * 4	ECU Protection * 26 Anti-Virus * 4	V-SOC * 42 Threat Init * 8		
Applications	Security OTA * 26 Vuln Scanning * 4	PAM * 26 App sandbox * 12	Threat Init * 8		
Networks		Segment * 49 CAN IDPS * 35	CAN IDPS * 35 Threat Init * 8		
Data		PAM * 26 TPM * 11			
Users		PAM * 26 MFA * 4			

30 < Count

10 < Count < 30

Count < 10

Degree of Dependency



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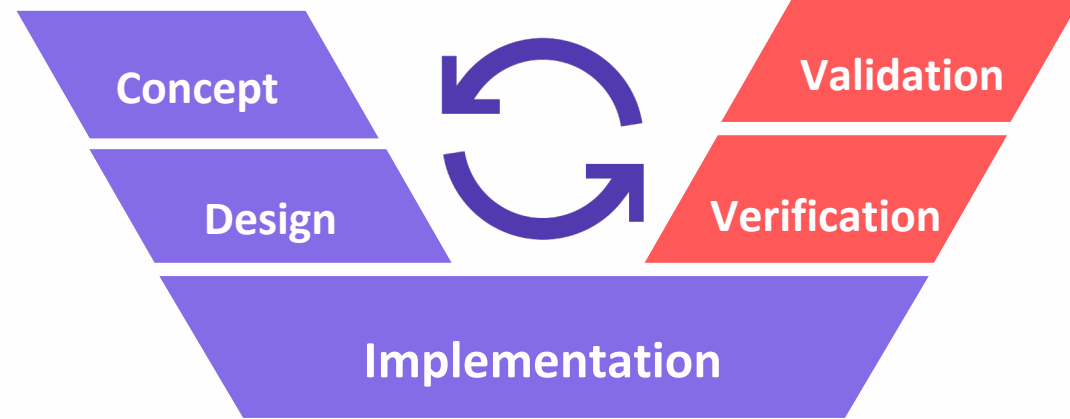
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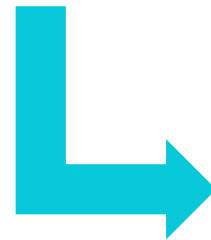


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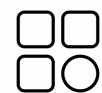
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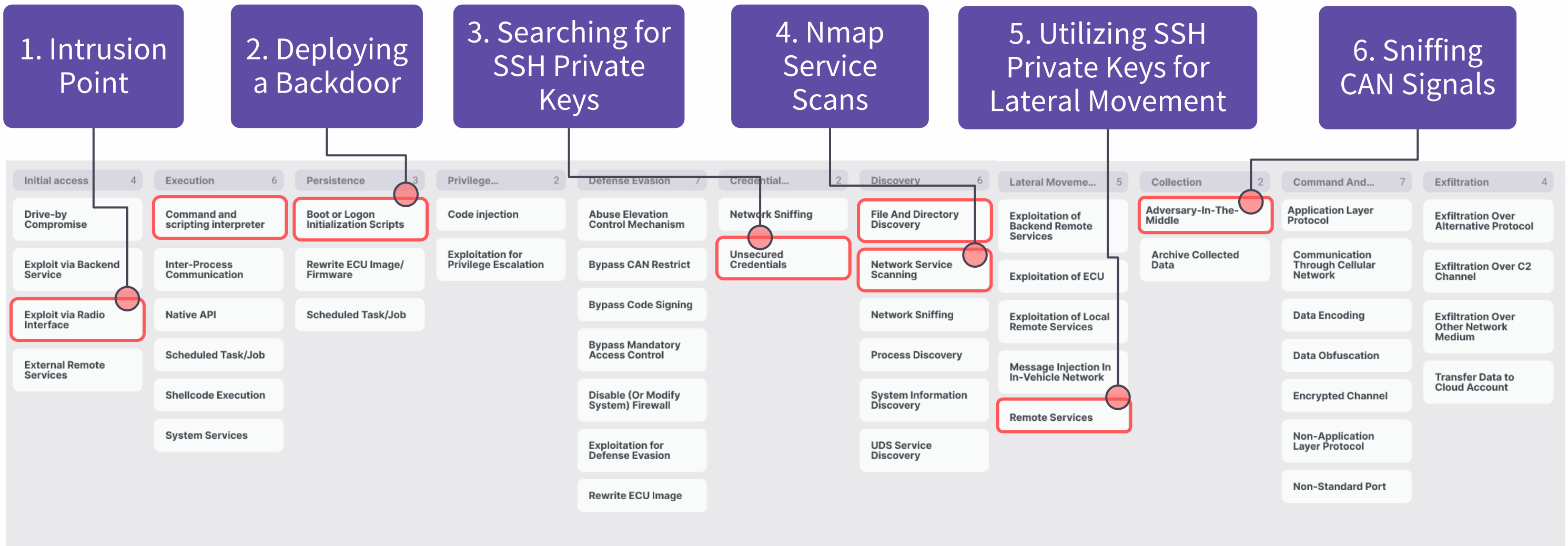


Quantification



Classification

Planning Penetration Testing with ATHENA





Conclusion

Overview

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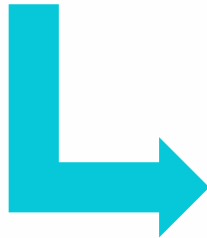
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