Concepts for Wallet Security in SSI

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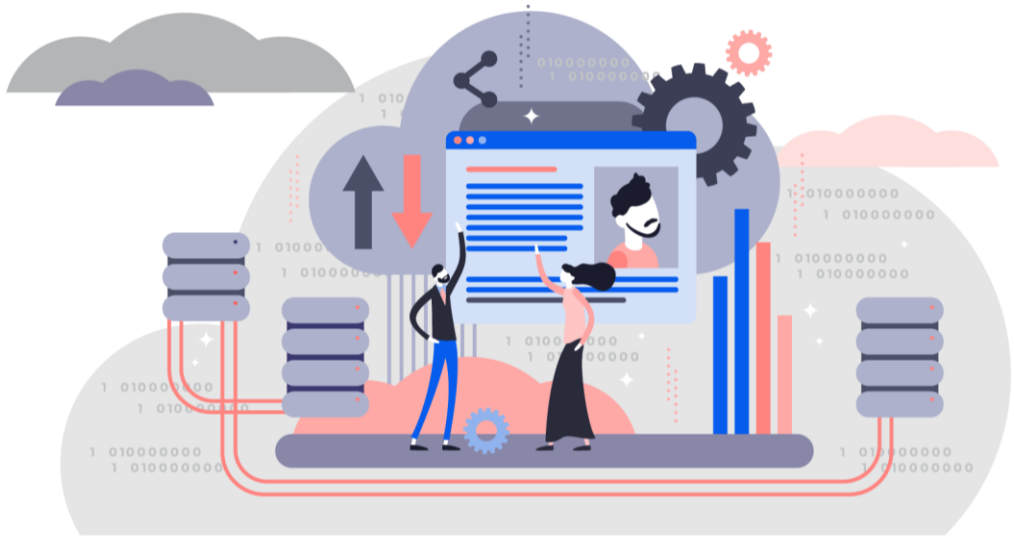
Agenda



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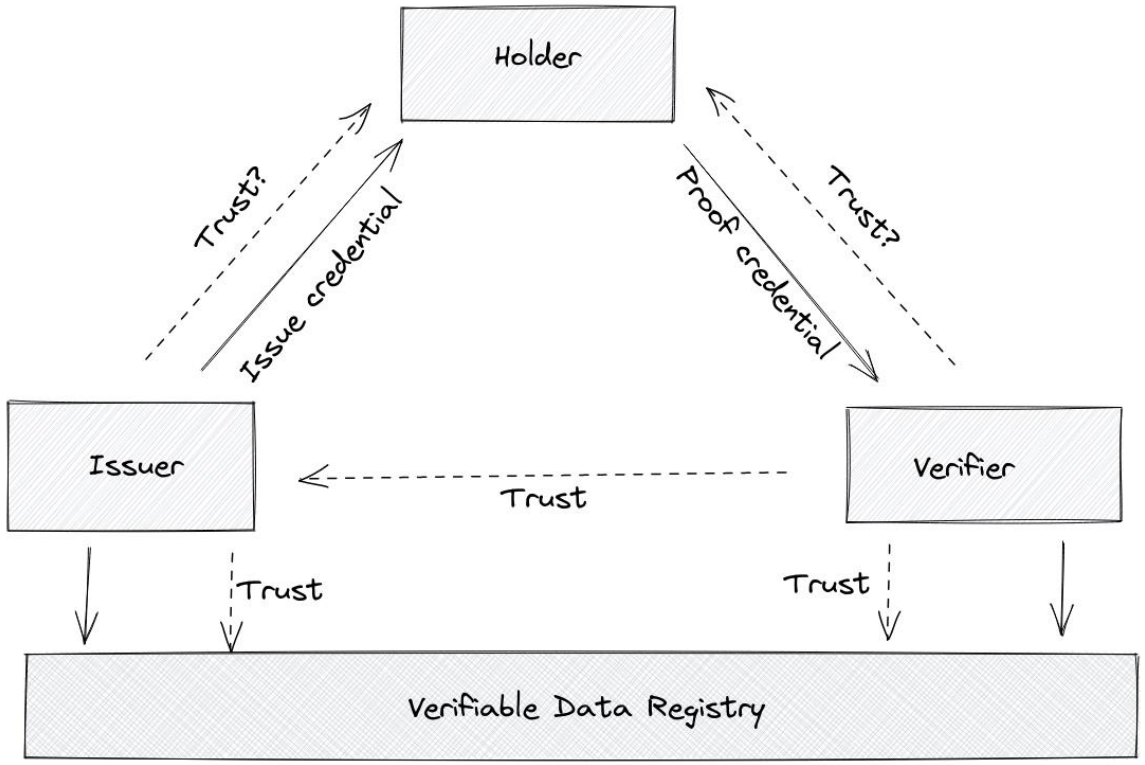
Motivation: The Overlooked Trust Relation

Trust in the SSI Triangle

- Trust relationship to the holder / wallet is mostly overlooked so far
- More security-relevant use cases demand new requirements



Issuer

How can I prevent or hinder missuse of my issued credentials and maintain my credibility at all costs?

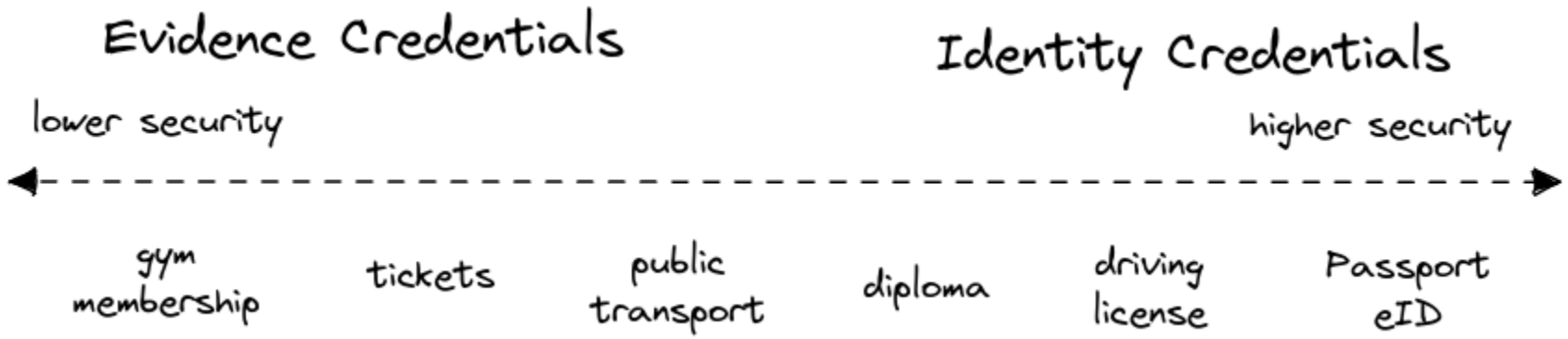
Verifier

Is the holder the rightful owner of this credential and to what degree can he plausibly prove that?

Is the holder‘s authentication strong enough to meet the requirements of my regulated use case?

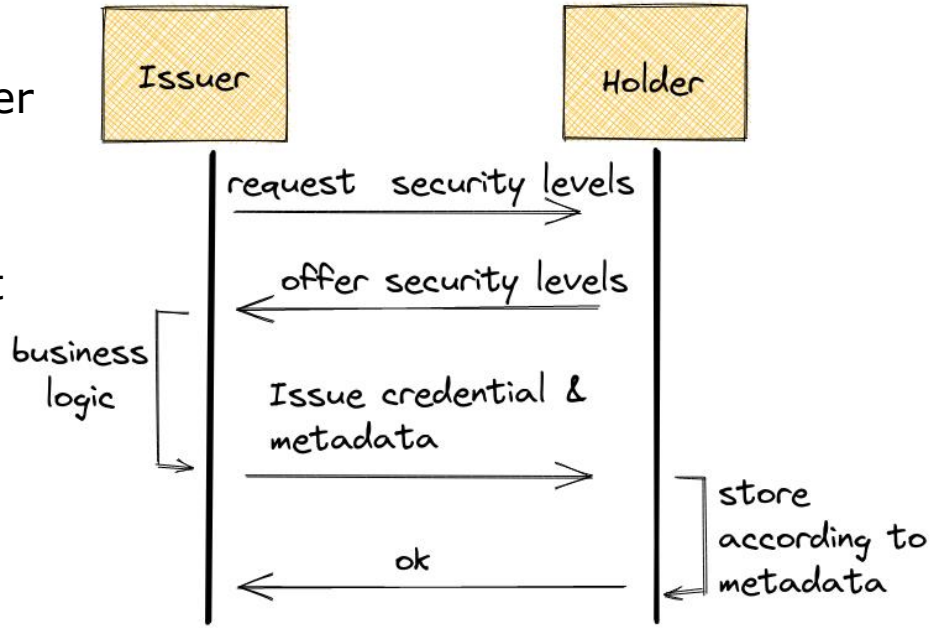
Differential Credential Security

DIF Wallet Security WG



Motivation

- SSI ecosystems brings use cases from different domains together
  - Regulated and non-regulated issuers have different security requirements
- Differential Credential Security model is a core feature for wallet security to address this flexibility
  - Wallet offers multiple LoA based on existing os/hardware
  - Issuer selects an option based on his usecase



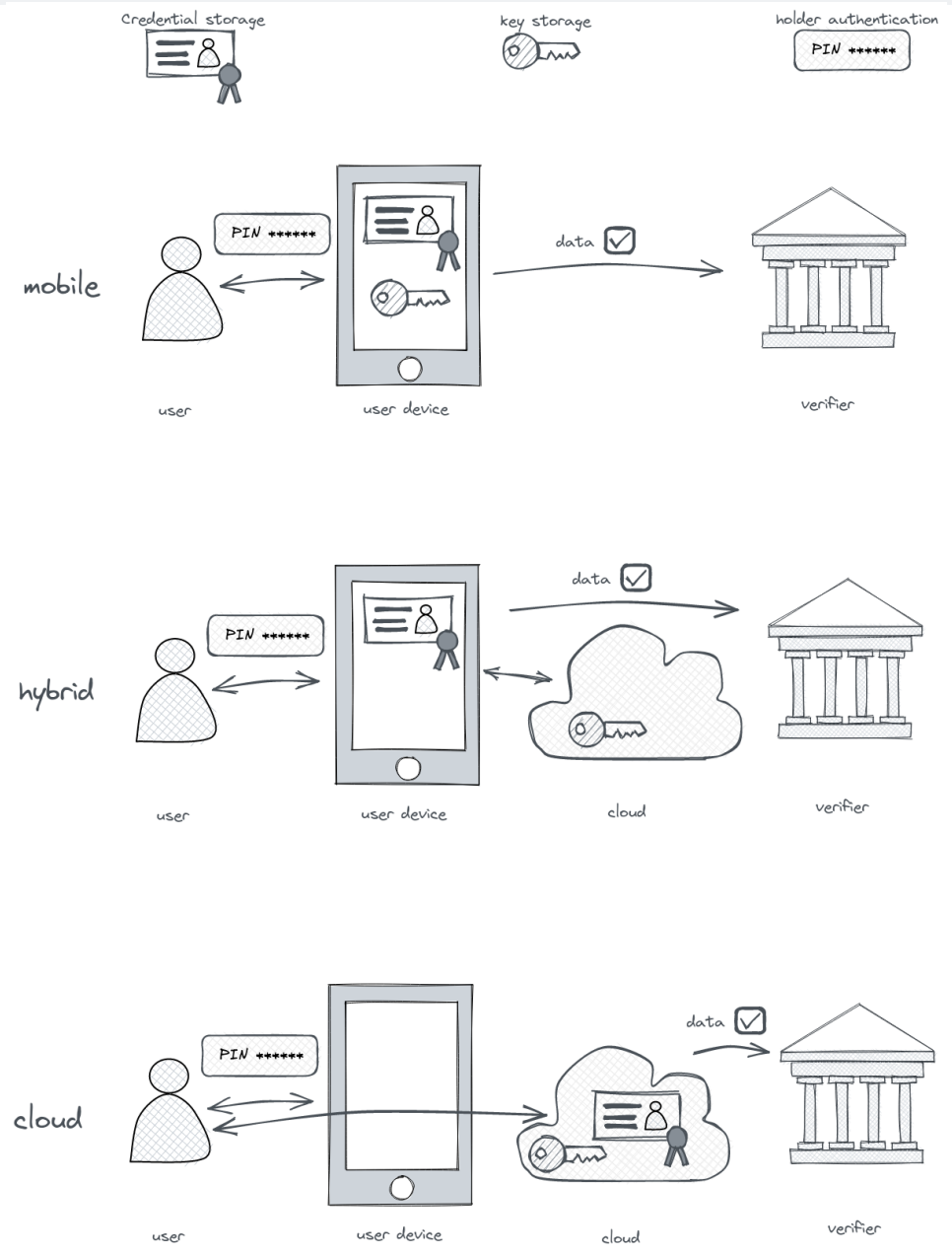
Wallet Security Architectures

Wallet Architectures differentiated by

- VC storage location
- Key storage location
- User authentication

Wallet Architectures implications

- Backup and recovery
- Multidevice support
- Privacy implications
- Offline support
- User interface
- Level of assurance



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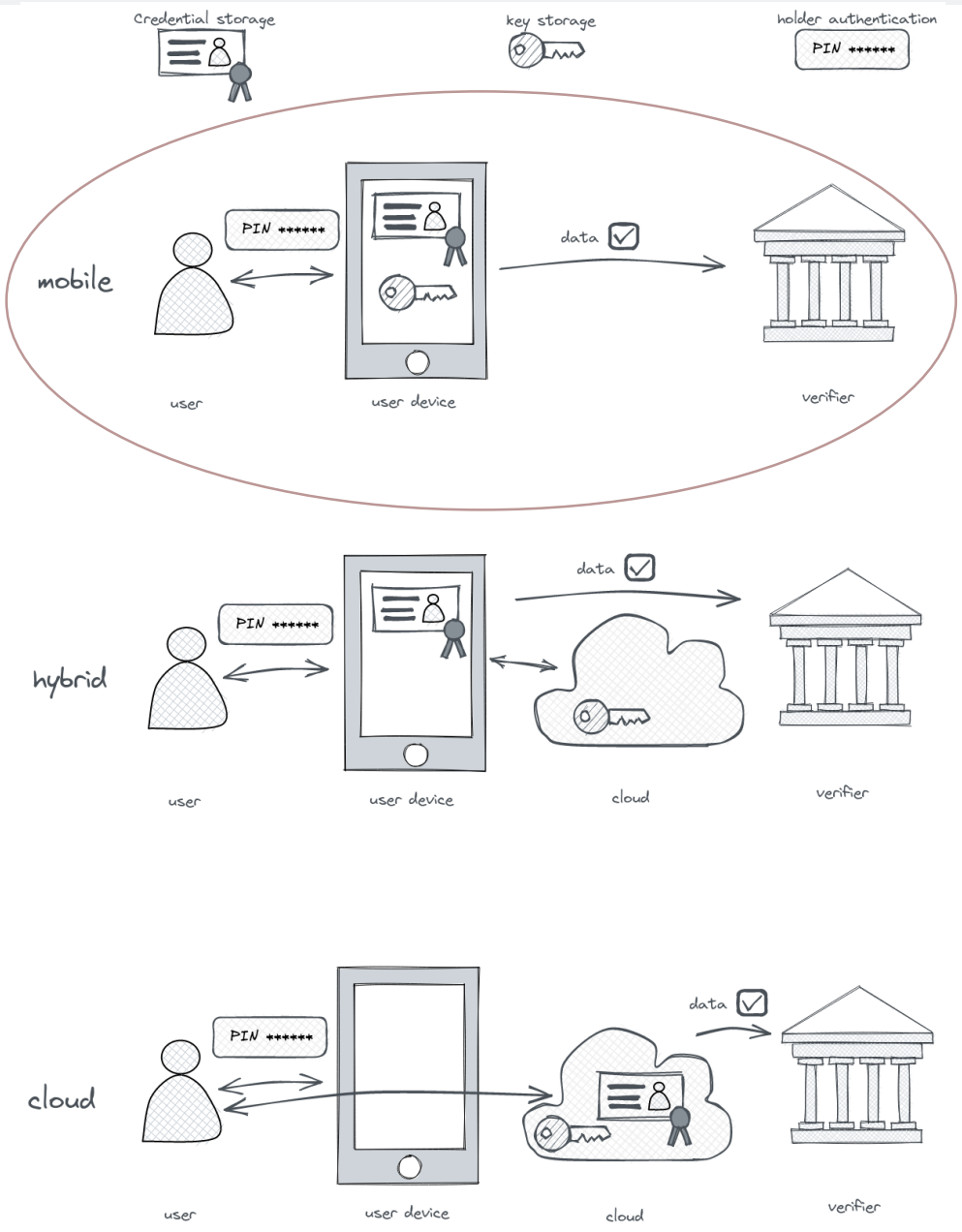
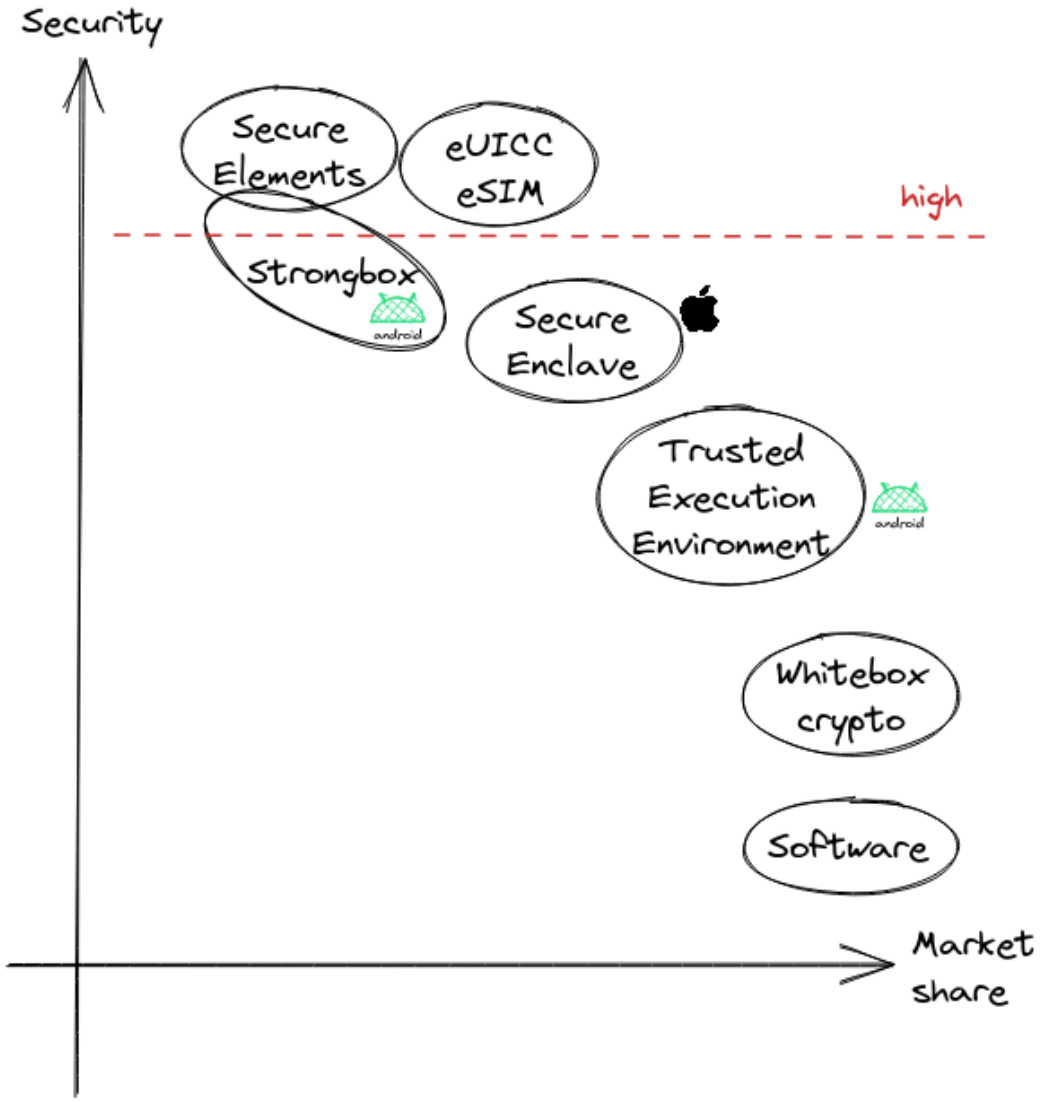
- **Focus of the DIF work**
- Mobile, native App



The Existing Tools



Mobile Market

- The mobile device market is heavily fragmented
- This makes it difficult to build solutions for high market share
- Different solutions for secure storage
- Relying (partly) on OS security mechanism

Device binding

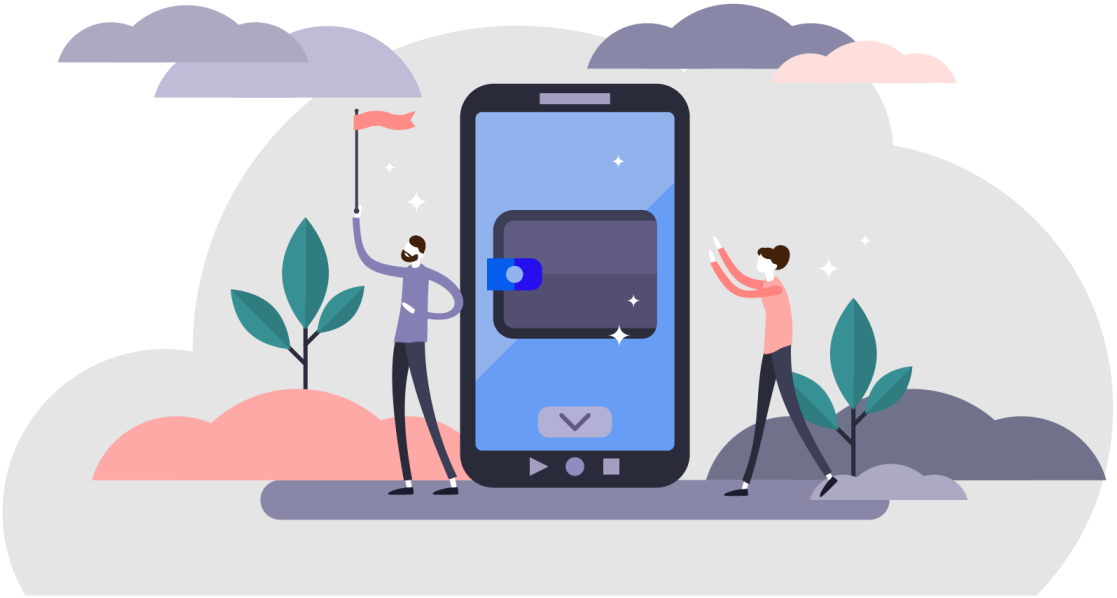
(authentication factor possession)

Holder binding

(authentication factor knowledge/biometry)

Wallet authentication

(integrity and authencity of the wallet)



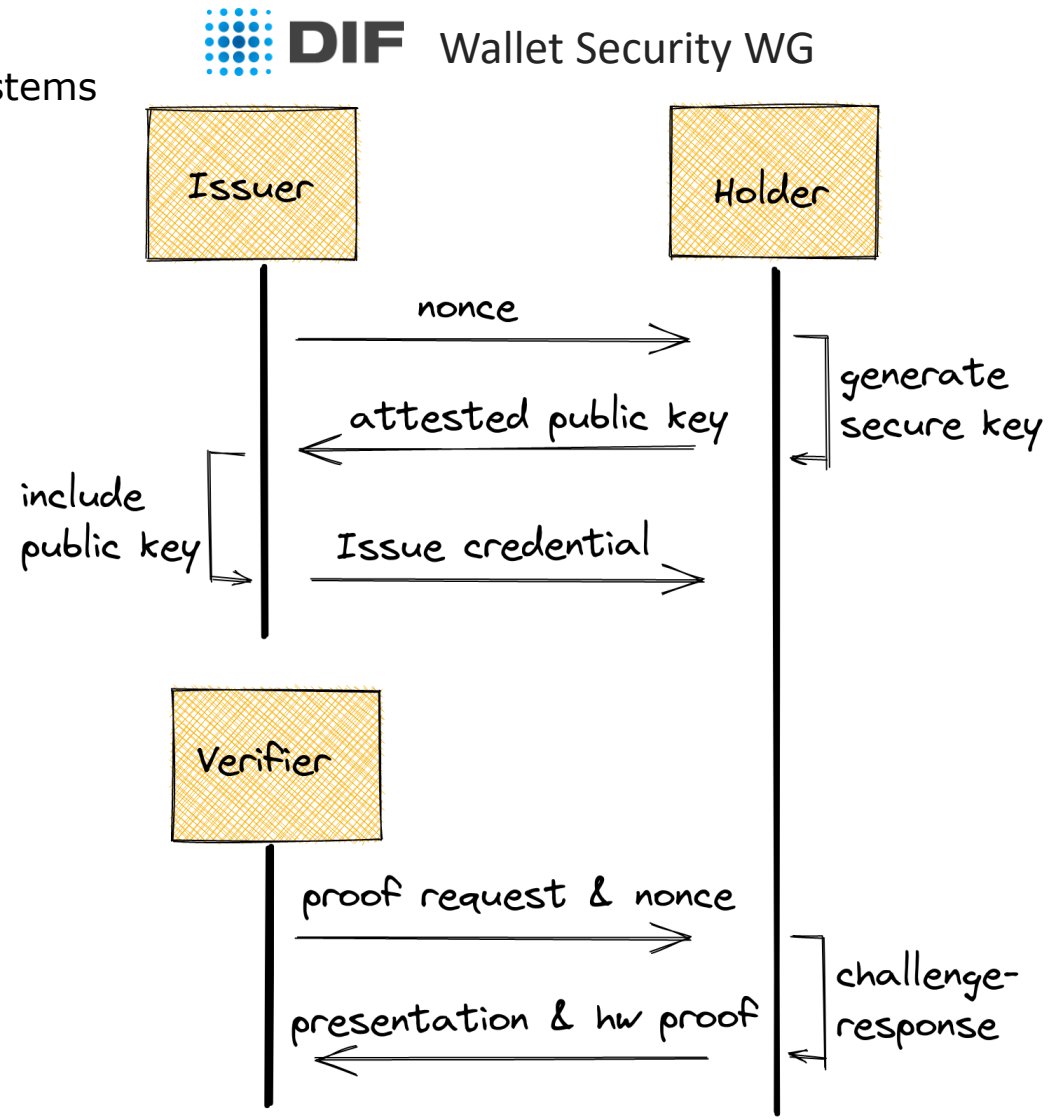
Device Binding

Device Binding Solution

- Smallest common denominator for all hardware-backed crypto systems
  - Elliptic Curve NIST P256 with ECDSA-SHA256 and similar
- Pro:
  - simple, well-understood crypto system
- Contra:
  - No backup & recovery strategy possible (more on this later)
  - Adding a unique, trackable attribute

Device Binding with ZKP

- ZKP in mobile hardware takes 5-10 (?) years



Holder binding/authentication

Enable Two-factor-authentication

- Knowledge factor (e.g. PIN)
- Inherence factor (e.g. biometrics)

Binding holder to the wallet

- Holder’s authentication reference data is stored in the wallet
- Holder authentication check is performed internally in the wallet
- Wallet is a trusted device that the issuer and verifier must rely on
- better protection for biometric data, but requirement for trusted wallet

Best practices

- Biometry on mobile phones is easy to circumvent and not yet sufficient for regulated use cases
  - BSI TR-03166 Technical Guideline for Biometric Authentication Components in Devices for Authentication
- PIN is a secure and necessary method
  - System-PIN (operating system)
  - separate App-PIN or SE-PIN

Authenticity of the Wallet

Wallet Authentication

- mobile OS presents a less-trusted, complex layer in front of trusted, high secure hardware key storage
- use existing mechanisms to verify and increase trust into the mobile phone
  - **Android SafetyNet**
  - **iOS device check**
- use **key attestations** to proof keys were generated in trusted hardware
- additional certification processes are possible
  - Hardware key storage
  - Accompanying mobile phone app

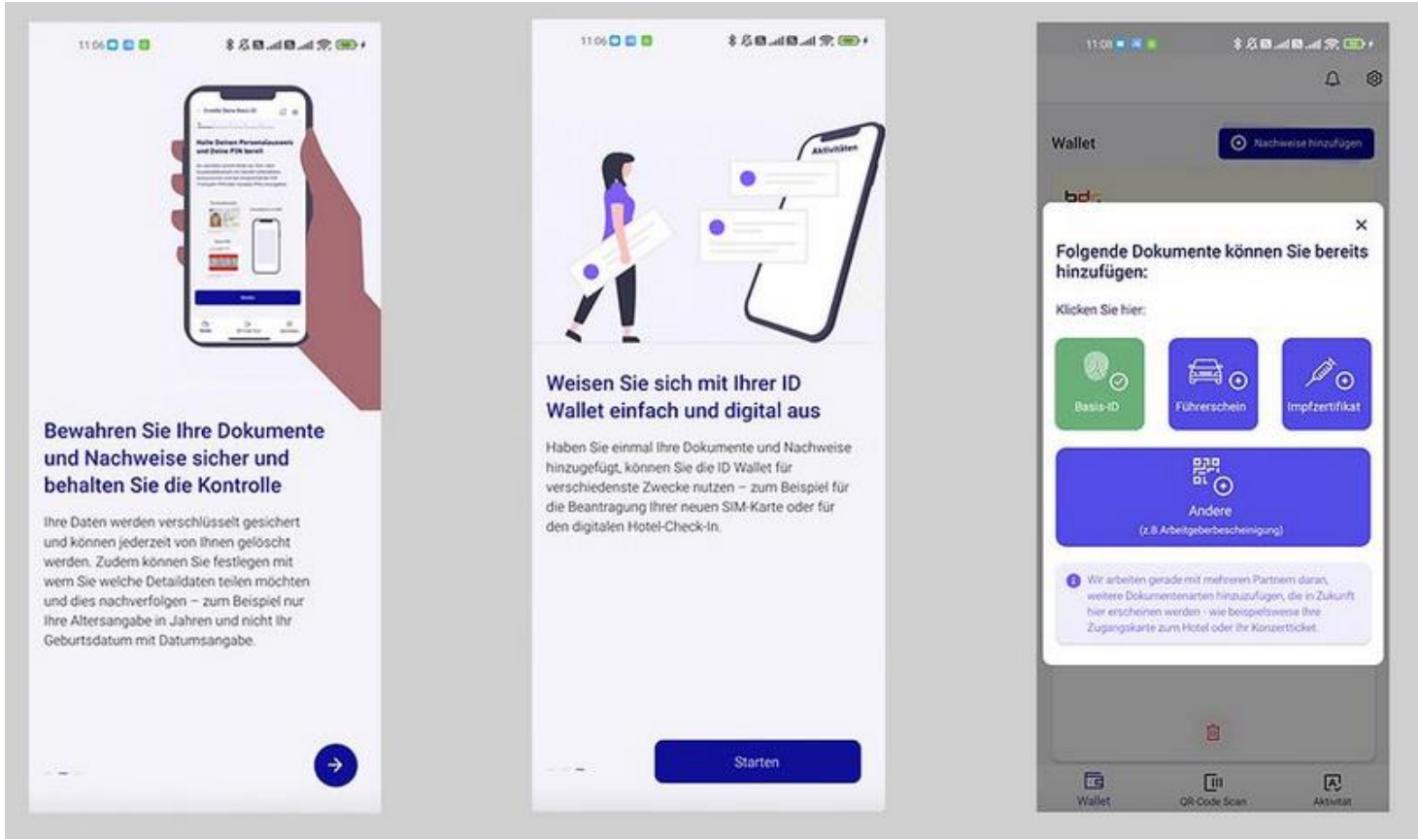
Gaining Experiences from german Chancellary Project (2021)

ID Wallet for Driving License credentials

- Implement device binding and wallet authentication
- Issuing ~20.000 credentials within 2 days

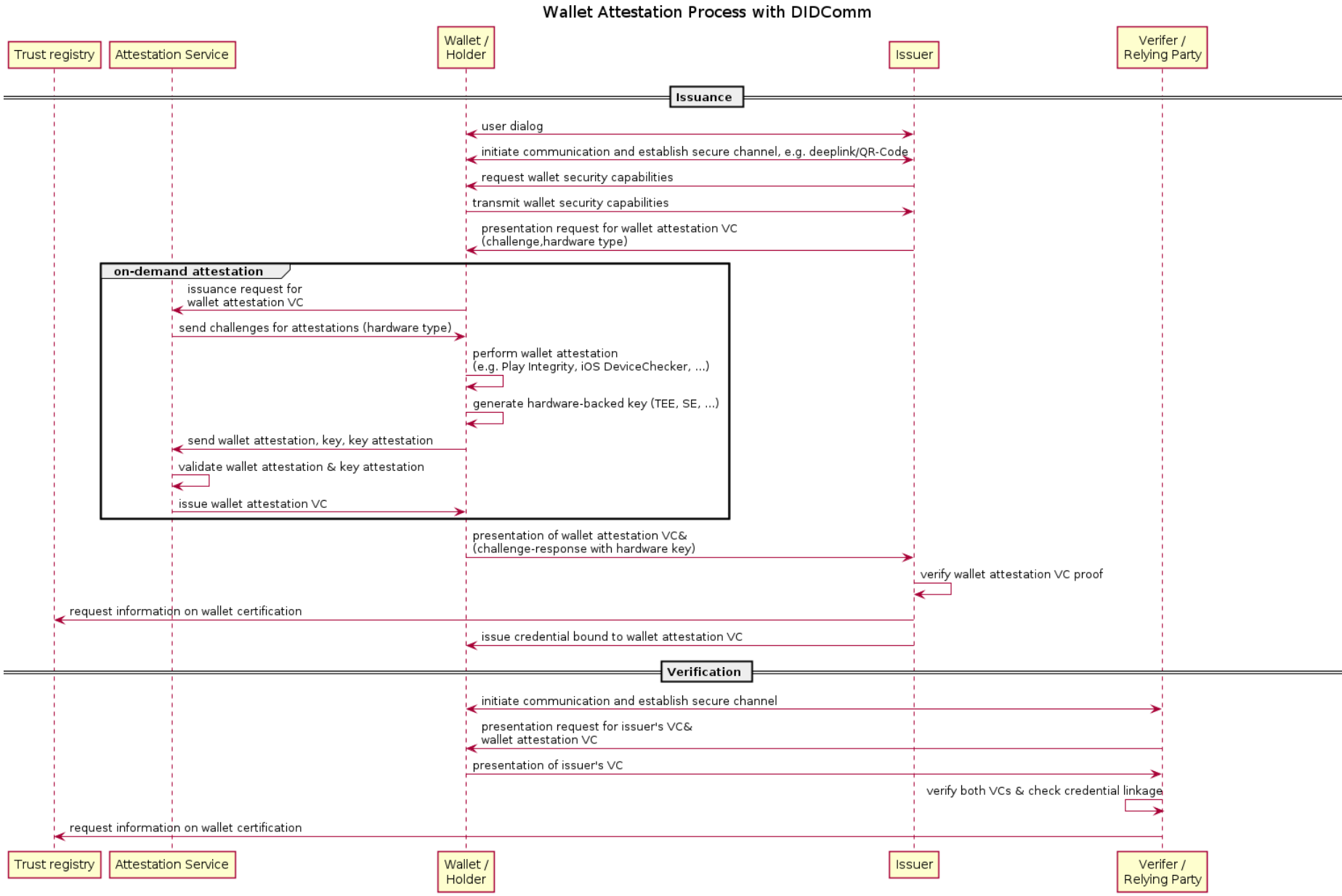
Learnings

- Live status was halted due to massive overload and missing concepts for trusted verifiers
- Wallet Security concepts worked well
- Mechanisms were proprietary for the project and not standardized for use of wider community



DIF Wallet Security Approach

DIDComm – like flow



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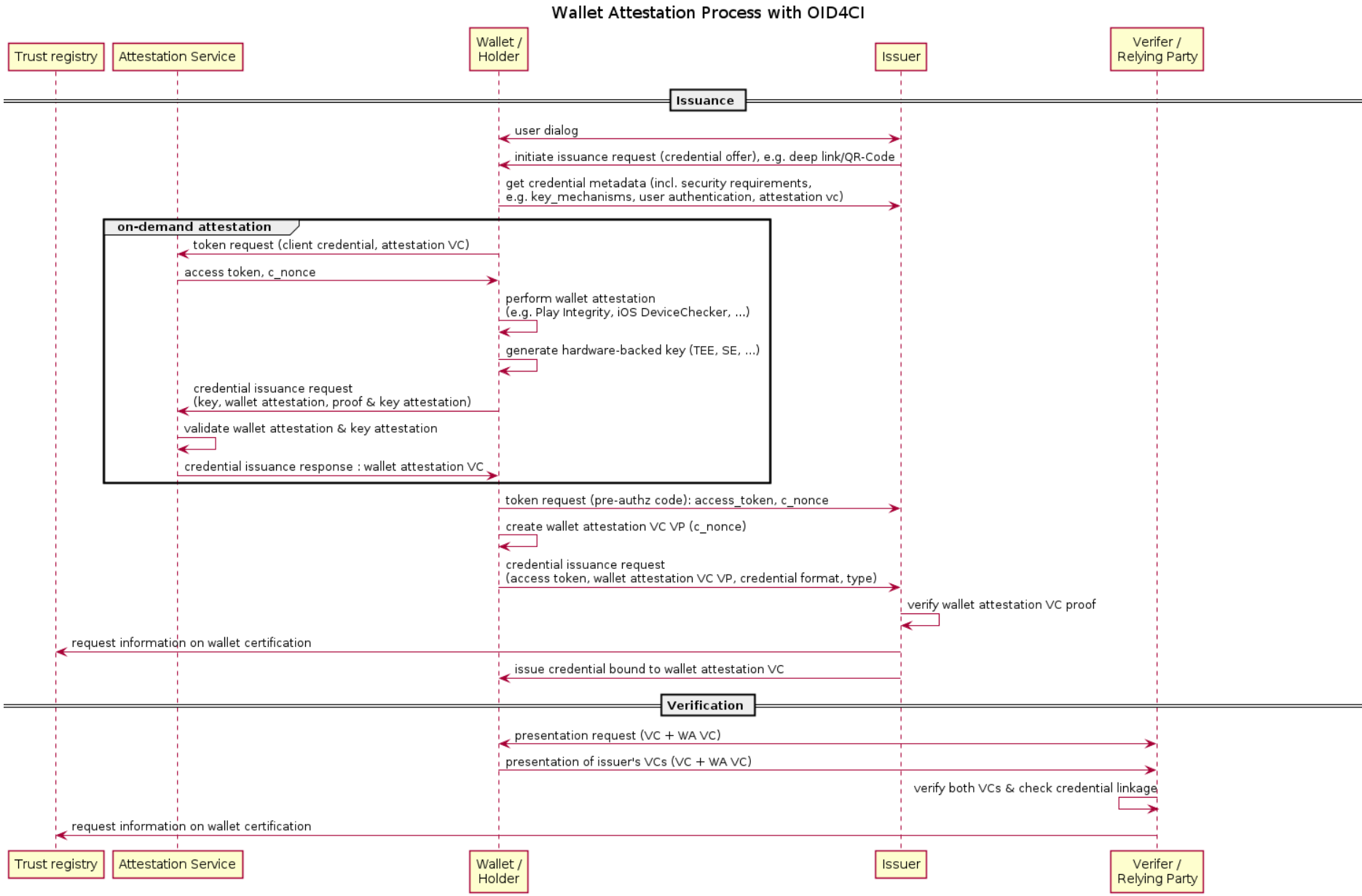
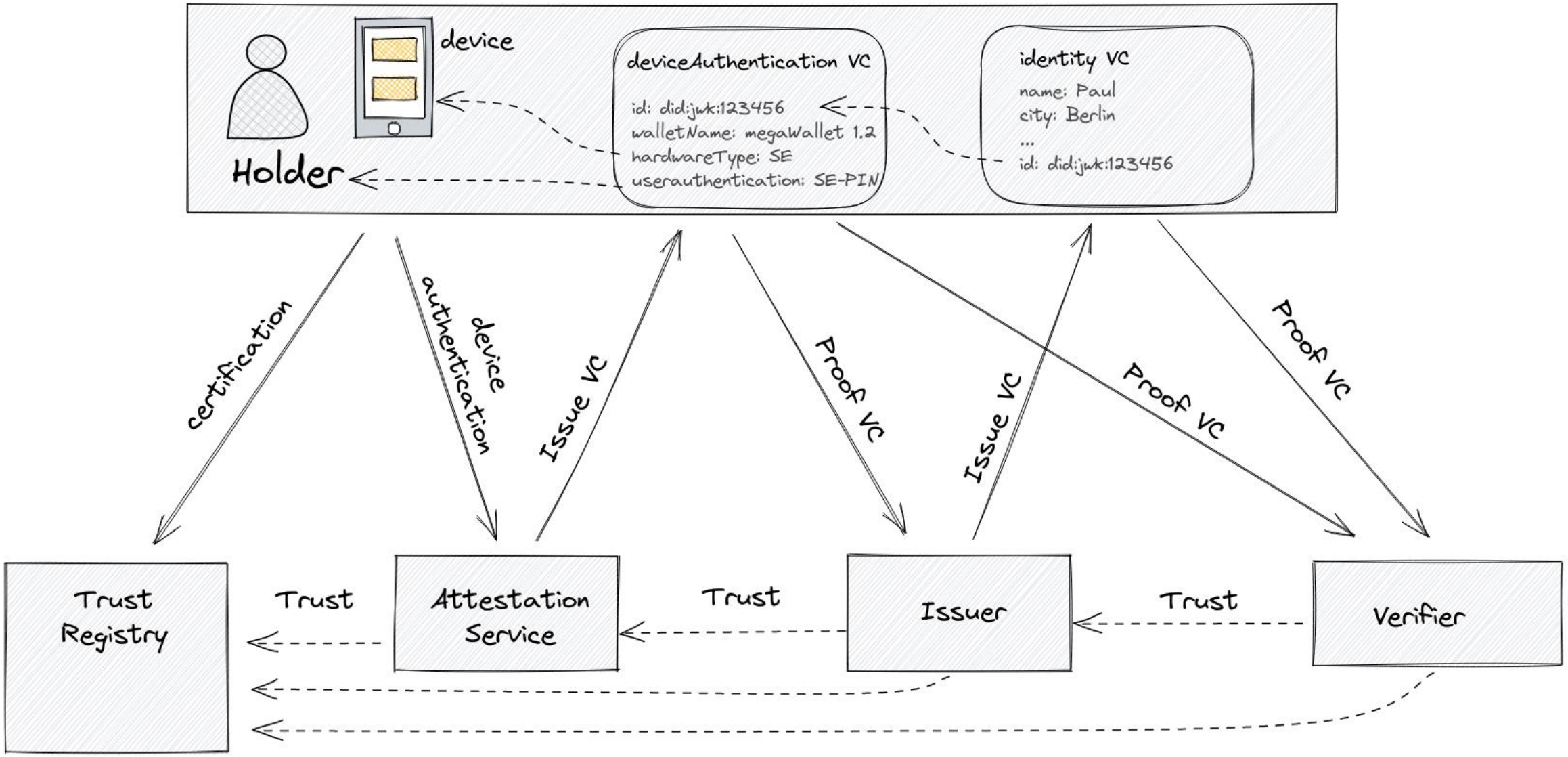
OID4CI – like flow



- **Trust Model**


device
Holder
deviceAuthentication VC
id: did:jwk:123456
walletName: megaWallet 1.2
hardwareType: SE
userauthentication: SE-PIN
identity VC
name: Paul
city: Berlin
...
id: did:jwk:123456
certification
device authentication
Issue VC
Proof VC
Issue VC
Proof VC
Proof VC
Trust Registry
Trust
Attestation Service
Trust
Issuer
Trust
Verifier

• Attestation VC Example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{
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    "https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1",
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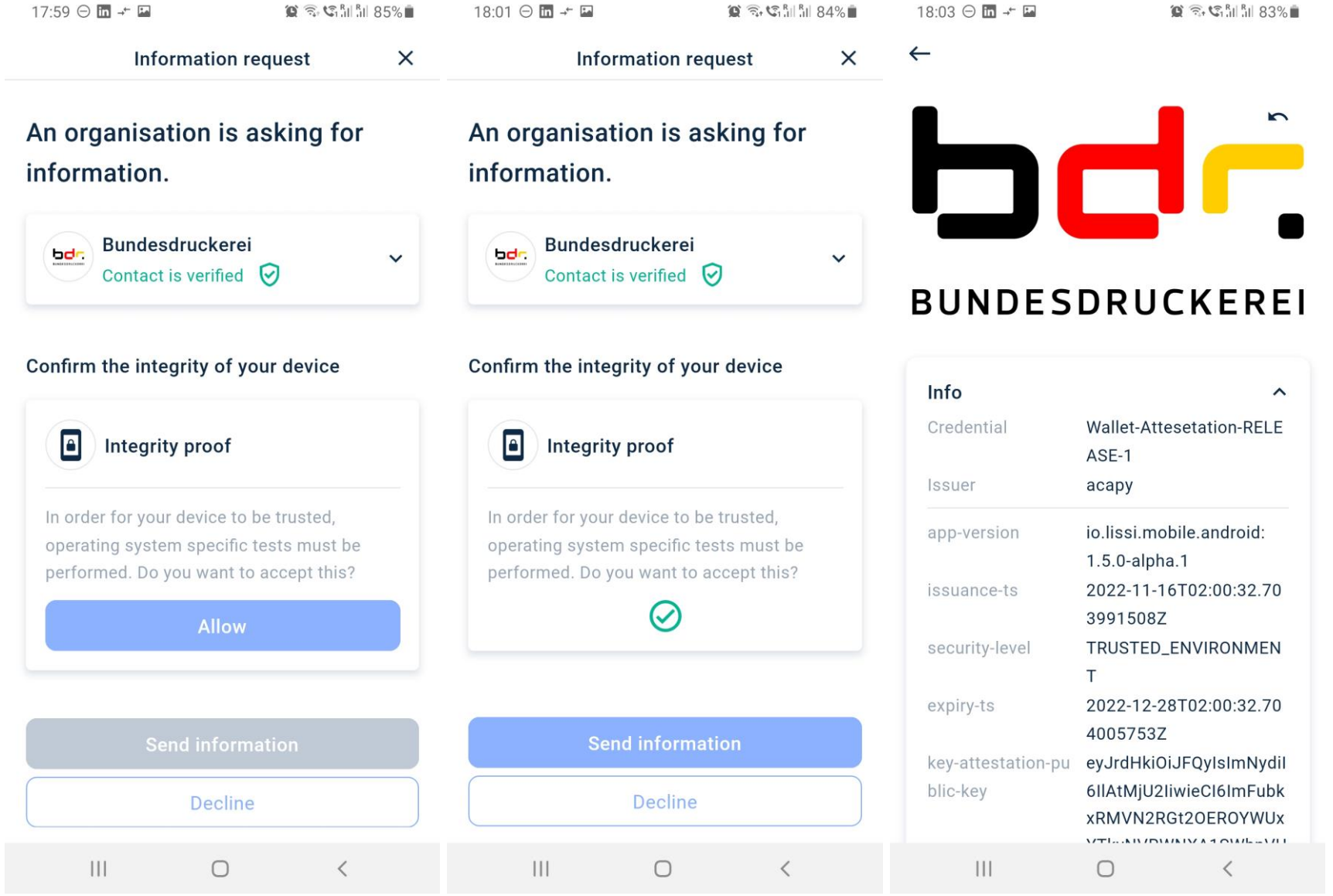
- **Demo with Lissi**



DIF Wallet Security Approach

Advantages

- Generic model usable for all issuers and verifiers
- Works with W3C and Anoncreds, DIDComm and OID4VC
- Wallet Attestation as W3C VC including device binding and wallet authentication
- Complexity of key/wallet attestations is handled by the attestation service, not by the issuers/verifiers
- Design respects privacy of the holder, scaling and limits of attestations

Disadvantages

- Hardware-bound keys prevent backup&recovery
- Additional tracking risk

Open Topics

- How is Wallet Attestation triggered? By the issuer or by the holder wallet?
- Should the issuer link the attestation VC or directly copy the device-bound key? Does the holder show the Attestation VC to the Verifier?

Summary and Next Steps

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- Successfully developed and tested remote attestation service
- Improved wallet security for SSI ecosystem

Next steps

- Whitepaper coming in ~2 weeks
- Continue the work with W3C VCs
- Continue the work for OID4VC

Thanks!

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