

ZEEP: Zone Encryption with Enhanced Privacy for Vehicular Communication

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C Security Analysis Of ZEEP

We extend the formal definitions and experiments of ZE [1] to establish PH-CCA security, anonymity, ciphertext integrity, and ticket traceability for ZEEP. We define the lists, notations, and oracles used in the security experiments below:

Lists. The challenger maintains several lists to store information gathered by adversary from its interactions with the oracles. Table 1 summarizes these lists. Here \mathcal{V} represents a vehicle with id vid .

Table 1: Lists used in the security experiments

List	Description
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{honest}}$	Enrolled honest vehicles $\{(\mathcal{V})\}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}$	Enrolled vehicles $\{(\mathcal{V})\}$ that are corrupt
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{auth}}$	Authorized tickets of vehicles per epoch e , i.e. $\{(q_{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{V}, e)\}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{enter}}$	Messages $\{((q_{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{V})/(q_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}), M = (z, t, m))\}$ exchanged during Enter by honest vehicles \mathcal{V} or adversary \mathcal{A} using their tickets $q_{\mathcal{V}}$ or $q_{\mathcal{A}}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{sent}}$	Ciphertexts $\{\gamma\}$ generated by honest vehicles
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{received}}$	Decrypted ciphertexts $\{\gamma = (t, Y, Y')\}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{opened}}$	Opened transcripts M
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{revoked}}$	Revoked authentication tickets $\{q_{\mathcal{V}}\}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{keys}}$	Zone-keys $\{(z, t, K_{t,z})\}$ obtained by adversary \mathcal{A} after corrupting vehicles

Notations. We use $O(\mathit{sk}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathit{pk}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathit{reg}_{\mathcal{I}})$ to represent the set of oracles initialized with secret key $\mathit{sk}_{\mathcal{I}}$, public key $\mathit{pk}_{\mathcal{I}}$, and registry state $\mathit{reg}_{\mathcal{I}}$. We adopt the following notations from ZE:

- $O.\mathit{protocol}.\mathcal{P}$: It allows the adversary to interact with the honest party \mathcal{P} running *protocol*. It verifies whether $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{honest}}$ and aborts otherwise.
- $O.\mathit{protocol}.\mathcal{P}\&\mathcal{R}$: It enables the adversary to initiate interactive *protocol* between honest parties \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{R} . The oracle updates its internal states but does not learn any output. It ensures $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{honest}}$ for honest vehicles.
- Honest parties maintain their state as $\mathcal{P}[\mathit{reg}\mathcal{P}]$. For example, $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$ denotes the zone keys L_K held by \mathcal{V} in epoch e . The adversary's state is denoted by $\mathit{state}_{\mathcal{A}}$, which stores information obtained during its interactions.

Oracles. Fig. 1 details the oracles that the adversary can query.

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C.1 PH-CCA Security

PH-CCA Security ensures that an adversary cannot learn any information about the ciphertext in any zone and time period without executing the zone entry protocol. The experiment $\text{Exp}_{Z,E,T}^{\text{ph-cca-b}}(\mathcal{A})$ for proving PH-CCA Security is detailed in Fig. 2. The adversary \mathcal{A} outputs two challenge payloads P_0 and P_1 for target zones Y^* and time period t^* . \mathcal{A} then receives a challenge ciphertext encrypting P_b for a random $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and must determine b with probability better than random guessing, excluding trivial win cases.

DEFINITION C.1. *ZEEP is PH-CCA secure if for any efficient adversary \mathcal{A} , zone-set Z , epoch set E and time-period set T ,*

$$|\Pr[\text{Exp}_{Z,E,T}^{\text{ph-cca-0}}(\mathcal{A}) = 1] - \Pr[\text{Exp}_{Z,E,T}^{\text{ph-cca-1}}(\mathcal{A}) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

THEOREM C.1. *ZEEP is PH-CCA secure if TFRAC satisfies mis-authentication resistance, DGSA satisfies traceability, SE and PKE are IND-CPA secure, and DAE satisfies privacy and authenticity.*

PROOF. We prove the PH-CCA security by showing that no efficient adversary \mathcal{A} can distinguish between the PH-CCA challenger $C_0^{\text{ph-cca}}$ (encrypting P_0) and $C_1^{\text{ph-cca}}$ (encrypting P_1). Following the ZE security, we construct a series of hybrids between $C_0^{\text{ph-cca}}$ and $C_1^{\text{ph-cca}}$. Let the challenge zone set be $Y^* = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$. For $i = 0, \dots, n$, we define the hybrid algorithms below.

- (1) Hybrid Δ_i : behaves exactly like $C_0^{\text{ph-cca}}$, except that to compute the challenge ciphertext, it encrypts the first i zones with a payload key K' and the remaining zones with another key K , and encrypts P_0 with K .
- (2) Hybrid Δ'_i : behaves exactly like $C_1^{\text{ph-cca}}$, except that to compute the challenge ciphertext, it encrypts the first i zones with a payload key K and the remaining zones with another key K' and encrypts P_1 with K .

By definition $\Delta_0 = C_0^{\text{ph-cca}}$ and $\Delta'_n = C_1^{\text{ph-cca}}$. To prove the theorem, we show that \mathcal{A} has negligible advantage in distinguishing between any two consecutive hybrids Δ_i and Δ_{i+1} . If \mathcal{A} can distinguish them, then we can use it to build a reduction algorithm \mathcal{S} to break **DAE privacy**.

\mathcal{S} answers \mathcal{A} 's queries and interacts with the DAE privacy challenger Cb^{priv} ($b \in 0, 1$) with the challenge key K_{priv} , while maintaining the same lists as the PH-CCA challenger. \mathcal{S} receives pp_{DAE} from C_b^{priv} and generates rest ZEEP parameters $\mathit{sk}_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathit{pk}_{\mathcal{I}}, pp_{\text{TFRAC}}$, and pp_{DGSA} and sends $pp_{\text{TFRAC}}, pp_{\text{DGSA}}$ and $\mathit{pk}_{\mathcal{I}}$ to \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{S} randomly selects a time period \tilde{t} and sets zone key as $K_{y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}} = K_{\text{priv}}$ and answers the queries as follows.

- $\mathit{Enroll}.\mathcal{V}\&\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{S}$ runs the protocol and stores the generated TFRAC credential.
- $\mathit{Enroll}.\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{S}$ runs the protocol with $\mathit{sk}_{\mathcal{I}}$.
- $\mathit{Authorize}.\mathcal{V}\&\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{S}$ runs the protocol and stores the generated TFRAC and DGSA credentials.
- $\mathit{Authorize}.\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{S}$ runs the protocol with $\mathit{pk}_{\mathcal{I}}$.

Enrollment and Authorization

- $O.\text{Enroll}.\mathcal{V}\&\mathcal{I}(sk_I, \cdot)$: On input \mathcal{V} , the adversary triggers the enrollment protocol between an honest vehicle \mathcal{V} and the honest issuer \mathcal{I} . If $\text{Enroll}.\mathcal{V}$ returns a private output $\mathcal{V}[(cred_{TFRAC}, e)]$, then \mathcal{V} is added to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{honest}}$.
- $O.\text{Enroll}.\mathcal{I}(sk_I, \cdot)$: On input \mathcal{V} , the adversary, acting as a corrupt vehicle, triggers enrollment with the honest issuer \mathcal{I} and adds \mathcal{V} to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}$.
- $O.\text{Authorize}.\mathcal{V}\&\mathcal{I}(sk_I, \cdot)$: On input (q_V, \mathcal{V}, e) , the adversary initiates authorization of an honest vehicle \mathcal{V} with the honest issuer \mathcal{I} . If the protocol outputs private credentials $\mathcal{V}[(cred_{TFRAC}, e')]$ and $\mathcal{V}[(cred_V, e)]$, then (q_V, \mathcal{V}, e) is added to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{auth}}$.
- $O.\text{Authorize}.\mathcal{I}(sk_I, \cdot)$: On input (q_V, \mathcal{V}, e) , the adversary triggers authorization on behalf of a corrupt vehicle \mathcal{V} and adds (q_V, \mathcal{V}, e) to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{auth}}$.

Entering and Exiting Zones

- $O.\text{Enter}(\cdot)$: On input $(q_V, \mathcal{V}, z, t, msg)$, the adversary triggers a zone-key request/response for an honest vehicle \mathcal{V} in zone z at time t .
 - If $msg = \text{request}$, the oracle executes the Enter protocol with \mathcal{V} as requester and honest vehicles \mathcal{W}_i as responders.
 - If $msg = \text{response}$, the oracle allows \mathcal{V} to respond to a request from a corrupt vehicle; the derived key $K_{z,t}$ is added to $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$.
 All messages $(q_V, \mathcal{V}, (z, t, m))$ sent by honest vehicles are stored in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{enter}}$.
- $O.\text{Exit}(\cdot)$: On input (\mathcal{V}, z, t) , deletes the zone key $K_{z,t}$ from $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$.

Sending and Receiving Payloads

- $O.\text{Send}(\cdot)$: On input (\mathcal{V}, P, Y, t) , runs $\gamma/\perp \leftarrow \text{Send}(\mathcal{V}[L_K], P, Y, t)$ and adds γ to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{sent}}$.
- $O.\text{Receive}(\cdot)$: On input (\mathcal{V}, γ) , runs $m/\perp \leftarrow \text{Receive}(\mathcal{V}[L_K], \gamma)$ and adds γ to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{received}}$.

Opening, Corruption and Revocation

- $O.\text{Open}(sk_I, reg_I, \cdot)$: On input M , returns $q_V \leftarrow \text{Open}(sk_I, reg_I, M)$ and adds M to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{opened}}$.
- $O.\text{Corrupt}(\cdot)$: On input \mathcal{V} , returns the full internal state of \mathcal{V} , adds \mathcal{V} to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}$, and all keys to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{keys}}$.
- $O.\text{Revoke}(sk_I, \cdot)$: On input authentication ticket q_V , blacklists or penalizes q_V and updates $\mathcal{L}_{\text{revoked}}$.

Note. The notation “*protocol**” denotes a modified oracle with a specific response strategy. This applies to *Enter**, *Exit**, *Authorize**, *Send**, and *Receive**

Figure 1: Adversarial Oracles and Capabilities

Experiment $\text{Exp}_{Z,E,T}^{\text{ph-cca-b}}(\mathcal{A})$:

$pp \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda, Z, E, T)$
 $(sk_I, pk_I, reg_I) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}.\mathcal{I}(pp)$

Initialize the oracles as $O(sk_I, pk_I, reg_I)$
 $(\mathcal{V}^*, P_0, P_1, Y^*, t^*, \text{state}_{\mathcal{A}}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^O(\text{choose}, pp, pk_I)$
 abort if $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}$

$\gamma^* \leftarrow \text{Send}(\mathcal{V}^*[L_K], P_0, Y^*, t^*)$ with $\gamma^* = (t^*, Y^*, Y'^*)$
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^O(\text{guess}, \gamma^*, \text{state}_{\mathcal{A}})$
 return b' if \mathcal{A} did not trivially win, i.e.:

1. $\forall (t^*, Y, \gamma) \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{received}}: Y \cap Y' = \emptyset$, i.e. \mathcal{A} did not query decryption oracle on challenge ciphertext, and
2. $\forall y^* \in Y^*: (y^*, t^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{L}_{\text{keys}}$ i.e., \mathcal{A} did not corrupt a vehicle with zone key for a challenge zone, and
- 3a. $\forall y^* \in Y^*: ((q_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}, y^*, t^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{L}_{\text{enter}}$, i.e. \mathcal{A} did not enter a challenge zone in time t^* with corrupt vehicle or
- 3b. $\exists (\mathcal{A}, y^*, t^*, \cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{enter}}$ and $\forall V_j \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}, \#(q_{V_j}, \mathcal{V}_j, e(t^*)) \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{auth}}$ i.e. \mathcal{A} entered a challenge zone without authorization.

Figure 2: Experiment for PH-CCA Security

- **Enter**: On input $(q_V, \mathcal{V}, z, t, msg)$ on behalf of the honest vehicle \mathcal{V} , if $(z, t) = (y_{i+1}, \tilde{t})$, \mathcal{S} executes *Enter* with \mathcal{A} .
 - If $msg = \text{request}$, \mathcal{S} generates $(ek, dk) \leftarrow \text{PKE.KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$, computes $tok_V \leftarrow \text{DGSA.GenTok}(pk_I, cred_V, e, (z, t, ek))$ and sends $(M = (z, t, ek), tok_V)$ to \mathcal{A} .
 - If $msg = \text{response}$, then upon receiving $(y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}, ek, tok)$ from \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{S} checks whether the request was originally sent by a non-corrupt vehicle in the same protocol execution—i.e., whether \mathcal{A} is passively replaying some request. If so, \mathcal{S} encrypts a random message instead of K with PKE. **IND-CPA security of PKE** ensures the indistinguishability of the hybrids here. If $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{corrupt}}$ or if request is not from a non-corrupt vehicle in the same protocol execution (active attack), then \mathcal{S} sends \perp and aborts.

If \mathcal{A} wins the PH-CCA game, with $t^* = \tilde{t}$ as the challenge time period, the winning condition $3b$ ensures that no corrupt vehicle \mathcal{V}_j is authorized in $e(\tilde{t})$. Therefore,

- either there exists a vehicle with a valid credential for $e(\tilde{t})$ without enrollment, which occurs with negligible probability if **TFRAC is misauthentication-resistant**.
- or no such vehicle exists, and the token sent by \mathcal{A} is valid, which happens with negligible probability if **DGSA satisfies traceability**.

Therefore after aborting, once \mathcal{S} receives token from \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{S} is computationally indistinguishable from Δ_i and Δ_{i+1} .

- **Exit** : On input (\mathcal{V}, z, t) , \mathcal{S} deletes $(z, t, K_{z,t})$ from $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$.
- **Send** : On input $(\mathcal{V}, P, Y \ni y_{i+1}, \tilde{t})$, \mathcal{S} checks if all zones in Y are active for \mathcal{V} and if $(y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}, \cdot) \in \mathcal{V}[L_K]$ and then generates payload key $DAE.KeyGen(pp_{DAE})$, computes $ct \leftarrow DAE.Enc(K, P)$, $\gamma_{y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}}$ by sending K to C_b^{priv} . \mathcal{S} then encrypts K with keys for other zone-time pairs in query and sets ciphertext as *Enter* protocol.
- **Receive** : On input \mathcal{V} and ciphertext $\gamma = (\tilde{t}, Y, ((y, \gamma_{y,i})_{y \in Y}, ct))$ such that $y_{i+1} \in Y$, \mathcal{S} checks for any other active zone z for \mathcal{V} by computing $K_p \leftarrow DAE.Dec(K_{z,\tilde{t}}, ct, \gamma_{z,\tilde{t}})$ and returns $P \leftarrow SE.Dec(K_p, ct)$. If $\gamma_{y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}}$ and ct were included in a previous *Send* query response, \mathcal{S} returns the corresponding queried payload. Otherwise, it returns \perp and aborts. **DAE authenticity** ensures that \mathcal{A} can't generate a ciphertext that decrypts to a valid plaintext.
- **Open** : On query $M = (z, t, m)$, \mathcal{S} runs $DGSA.OpenTok$ and sends output q to \mathcal{A} .
- **Revoke** : On input q_V , blacklists q_V and informs \mathcal{A} .
- **Corrupt** : On input \mathcal{V} , sends the state of the vehicle, i.e. credentials and key list, to \mathcal{A} .

Note: For all queries where $z \neq y_{i+1}$ or $t \neq \tilde{t}$, \mathcal{S} simply runs the corresponding protocol on the given inputs. In challenge phase, \mathcal{A} outputs challenge tuples $(\mathcal{V}^*, P_0, P_1, Y^*, t^*)$.

- If $\mathcal{V}^* \in \mathcal{L}_{corrupt}$, \mathcal{S} returns 0 same as PH-CCA challenger.
- If $\tilde{t} \neq t^*$, \mathcal{S} sends \perp and aborts.
- Otherwise, \mathcal{S} generates payload keys K and K' and sends them to C and receives a ciphertext $y_{y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}}^*$ from C_b^{priv} . For $k = 1, \dots, i$, \mathcal{S} computes $y_{y_k, \tilde{t}} \leftarrow DAE.Enc(K_{y_k, \tilde{t}}, K')$, for $k = i, \dots, n$, computes $y_{y_k, \tilde{t}}^* \leftarrow DAE.Enc(K_{y_k, \tilde{t}}, K)$, $ct \leftarrow DAE.Enc(K, P_0)$ and sends $y^* = (\tilde{t}, Y^*, ((y_k, y_{y_k, \tilde{t}})_{k \leq i}, (y_{i+1}, y_{y_{i+1}, \tilde{t}}^*), (y_k, y_{y_k, \tilde{t}})_{k > i+1}, ct))$ to \mathcal{A} .

After challenge phase, to answer a *Receive* query on (\mathcal{V}, y) , \mathcal{S} checks that no part of y is replayed from the challenge ciphertext y^* and then proceeds as before. Other queries are answered as before.

At the end of the game, \mathcal{S} forwards the bit b of \mathcal{A} to C . \mathcal{S} perfectly simulates C_b^{ph-cca} to \mathcal{A} under the stated assumptions. As $\tilde{t} = t^*$ with probability $1/|T|$, thus for $|Y^*| = n$ zones, the adversarial advantage is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & Adv_{\Delta_i, \Delta_{i+1}}(\mathcal{A}) - Q_1 Adv_{TFRAC}^{misauth}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) - Q_2 Adv_{DGSA}^{trace}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) - \\ & Q_3 Adv_{DAE}^{auth}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) - Q_4 Adv_{PKE}^{ind-cpa}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) \leq n|T| Adv_{DAE}^{priv}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) \end{aligned}$$

where Q_1, Q_2 are no. of active *Enter* queries, Q_3 is no. of *Recieve* queries with target zone as the only active zone, and Q_4 is the no. of passive *Enter* queries. Therefore, Δ_i and Δ_{i+1} are computationally indistinguishable.

We can use a similar reduction to **DAE privacy** for proving the indistinguishability of Δ'_i and Δ'_{i+1} . Furthermore, we can reduce the **IND-CPA security of SE** to the computational indistinguishability of Δ_n and Δ'_0 . \mathcal{S} can set K as the challenge key and forward (P_0, P_1) as the challenge tuples in the SE IND-CPA game. It can respond to all the *Send* queries (excluding the challenge) by generating fresh payload keys. Additionally, since \mathcal{S} knows all the keys for active zones, it can address all the other queries as well. Therefore the advantage of \mathcal{A} in the PH-CCA game is given by,

$$Adv_{ZEEP}^{ph-cca}(\mathcal{A}) \leq 2n|T| Adv_{DAE}^{priv}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})) + Adv_{SE}^{ind-cpa}(\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})).$$

Thus, if TFRAC is misauthentication resistant, SE and PKE are IND-CPA secure and DAE satisfies privacy and authenticity, then ZEEP is PH-CCA secure. \square

C.2 Anonymity

ZEEP anonymity ensures that ciphertexts sent during the *Enter* protocol reveals no information about vehicle identity (anonymity) and remains unlinkable. The experiment $Exp_{Z,E,T}^{ano-b}(\mathcal{A})$ for anonymity is detailed in Fig. 3.

DEFINITION C.2. *ZEEP satisfies anonymity if for any efficient adversary \mathcal{A} , zone-set Z , epoch set E and time-period set T ,*

$$|Pr[Exp_{Z,E,T}^{ano=0}(\mathcal{A}) = 1] - Pr[Exp_{Z,E,T}^{ano=1}(\mathcal{A}) = 1]| \leq negl(\lambda)$$

THEOREM C.2. *ZEEP satisfies anonymity if TFRAC is misauthentication resistant and DGSA satisfies anonymity.*

PROOF. Let \mathcal{A} be an adversary in the ZEEP anonymity game, making Q queries to the $Enter^*$ oracle. We define Δ_i as an algorithm that simulates the ZEEP anonymity game challenger, only differing in its handling of $Enter^*$ queries. For the first i $Enter^*$ queries made with bit d , Δ_i responds using $(q_{V_{1-d}}, V_{1-d})$, while for the remaining queries, it responds using (q_{V_d}, V_d) . Let C_b^{ano} represents

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Experiment  $Exp_{Z,E,T}^{ano-b}(\mathcal{A})$ 
 $pp \leftarrow Setup(1^\lambda, Z, E, T)$ 
 $(sk_T, pk_T, reg_T) \leftarrow KeyGen.\mathcal{I}(pp)$ 

Initialize all oracles  $O(sk_T, pk_T, reg_T)$ 
 $((q_{V_0} \mathcal{V}_0), (q_{V_1} \mathcal{V}_1), state_{\mathcal{A}}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^O(\text{choose}, pp, pk_T)$ 
Abort if  $\mathcal{V}_0$  and  $\mathcal{V}_1$  have different states, i.e. for  $d \in \{0, 1\}$  :
 $\#e_i$  s.t.  $(q_{V_d}, V_d, e_i) \in \mathcal{L}_{auth}$  and  $(q_{V_{1-d}}, V_{1-d}, e_i) \notin \mathcal{L}_{auth}$  and
 $\mathcal{V}_0[L_K] = \mathcal{V}_1[L_K]$ . It ensures that Enter, Exit is not queried for the challenge vehicles unless both vehicles have been authorized in the same epoch.

Use the challenge oracles  $O^*(b)$  for the queries on Enter*, Exit*, Send*, and Receive*
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{O^*}(\text{guess}, state_{\mathcal{A}})$ 
Return  $b'$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  did not trivially win, i.e., for  $d \in \{0, 1\}$  :
 $V_d \in \mathcal{L}_{honest}$  and  $\forall M \in \mathcal{L}_{enter}^*: M \notin \mathcal{L}_{opened}$ , i.e. adversary did not open a message sent during Enter by a challenge vehicle.

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Figure 3: Experiment for Anonymity

the ZEEP anonymity challenger using (q_{V_b}, \mathcal{V}_b) , then by definition $\Delta_0 = C_0^{ano}$ and $\Delta_Q = C_1^{ano}$.

We prove that if \mathcal{A} can distinguish between any two consecutive hybrids Δ_i and Δ_{i+1} , then we can build a reduction \mathcal{S} which can use \mathcal{A} as a subroutine to win the **DGSA anonymity** game.

\mathcal{A} 's advantage in the ZEEP anonymity game is thus bounded by $Q \times Adv_{\Delta_i, \Delta_{i+1}}$, where $Adv_{\Delta_i, \Delta_{i+1}}$ is the advantage of \mathcal{A} in distinguishing Δ_i from Δ_{i+1} for any $0 \leq i \leq Q - 1$.

\mathcal{S} receives pp_{DGSA} and pk_{DGSA} from the DGSA challenger, generates $sk_{TFRAC}, pk_{TFRAC} \leftarrow TFRAC.KeyGen(pp_{TFRAC})$ and parameters for other ZEEP protocols. \mathcal{S} sends the public parameters and pk_{DGSA}, pk_{TFRAC} to \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{S} answers the queries as follows.

- **Enroll.V&I:** \mathcal{S} runs the protocol and stores the generated TFRAC credentials.
- **Enroll.I :** \mathcal{S} runs the protocol using sk_{TFRAC} .
- **Authorize.V&I :** On (q_V, \mathcal{V}, e) for vehicle \mathcal{V} in epoch e , simulator \mathcal{S} runs $TFRAC.Auth$ and queries $DGSA.Issue$ oracle of $C_{DGSA,b}$ and stores the output (updated TFRAC and DGSA) credentials.
- **Authorize.I :** On (\mathcal{V}, e) , \mathcal{S} executes *Authorize* with \mathcal{A} . Let $\mathcal{V}_0, \mathcal{V}_1$ be the challenge vehicles used by \mathcal{A} in the challenge phase to win the game.
 - If \mathcal{A} queries on $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_0$ or $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_1$, with $(cred_{TFRAC}, cred_{\mathcal{V}})$, \mathcal{S} check $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{honest}$; If not it aborts. \mathcal{S} is indistinguishable from ZEEP anonymity challenger because of **TFRAC misauthentication-resistance**.
 - If $\mathcal{V} \neq \mathcal{V}_0$ or \mathcal{V}_1 , then \mathcal{S} runs $TFRAC.Auth$ using sk_{TFRAC}, pk_{TFRAC} . If the authentication succeeds, it outputs an updated TFRAC credential $cred'_{TFRAC}$ and queries $DGSA.Issue$ oracle of $C_{DGSA,b}$ for DGSA credential and forwards the responses to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise, it .
 - **Enter :** \mathcal{S} uses $DGSA.AuthTok$ and $DGSA.VerifyTok$ on the input to generate and verify authentication tokens.
 - **Exit :** On (\mathcal{V}, z, t) , \mathcal{S} deletes $(z, t, K(z, t))$ from $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$ that it locally maintains for \mathcal{V} .
 - For *Send* and *Recieve*, \mathcal{S} runs the corresponding protocols
 - **Open :** On input M , \mathcal{S} queries the $DGSA.OpenTok$ oracle of $C_{DGSA,b}$ and returns q to \mathcal{A} .
 - **Revoke :** On input q_V , blacklists q_V and informs \mathcal{A} .

- *Corrupt* : On input \mathcal{V} , sends the state of the vehicle, i.e. credentials and key list, to \mathcal{A} .

In the challenge phase, \mathcal{A} outputs challenges $(q_{\mathcal{V}_0}, V_0)$ and $(q_{\mathcal{V}_1}, \mathcal{V}_1)$. \mathcal{S} checks if both tickets are authorized in same epochs and $\mathcal{V}_0[L_K] = \mathcal{V}_1[L_K]$. If not it aborts. \mathcal{S} randomly selects a zone-time pair (\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}) where both the challenge vehicle tickets $q_{\mathcal{V}_0}$ and $q_{\mathcal{V}_1}$ are authorized. After the challenge phase, the oracles *Enter*, *Exit*, *Send*, and *Receive* are replaced by *Enter**, *Exit**, *Send**, and *Receive**, respectively. For all other oracle queries involving a bit d , \mathcal{S} responds as it did before the challenge phase.

- For the $(*)$ queries up to the i^{th} *Enter** query with a bit d , \mathcal{S} uses $(q_{\mathcal{V}_{1-d}}, \mathcal{V}_{1-d})$ to respond. It verifies $(q_{\mathcal{V}_{1-d}}, \mathcal{V}_{1-d}, e) \in \mathcal{L}_{auth}$ and executes the ZEEP sub-protocols during *Enter*, by querying $C_{DGSA,b}$ for $DGSA.AuthTok$, and executing the remaining protocols itself.
- To answer *Exit**, *Send** and *Receive** queries for a bit d the simulator uses the state of \mathcal{V}_{1-d} that it locally maintains.
- For the $(i+1)^{th}$ *Enter** query on input (d, z, t, msg) \mathcal{S} aborts if $(z, t) \neq (\tilde{z}, \tilde{t})$. Otherwise, if $msg = request$, \mathcal{S} generates ek for PKE and sends $(q_{\mathcal{V}_0}, q_{\mathcal{V}_1}, e(\tilde{t}), M = (z, t, ek))$ as a challenge tuple to $C_{DGSA,b}$. If $msg = response$, \mathcal{S} sends $(q_{\mathcal{V}_0}, q_{\mathcal{V}_1}, e(\tilde{t}), M = (z, t, ct))$ as challenge to $C_{DGSA,b}$.
- To answer the remaining $(*)$ queries, \mathcal{S} uses $(q_{\mathcal{V}_d}, \mathcal{V}_d)$.

The winning condition implies that \mathcal{A} never queried the *Open* oracle on any message exchanged during *Enter**. Therefore the distribution of \mathcal{S} 's responses except for the $(i+1)^{th}$ *Enter** query is identical to those in Δ_i and Δ_{i+1} .

At the end of the game, \mathcal{A} outputs a decision bit b' , which \mathcal{S} forwards to $C_{DGSA,b}$. The advantage of \mathcal{A} in distinguishing Δ_i from Δ_{i+1} is therefore given as

$$Adv_{\Delta_i, \Delta_{i+1}}(\mathcal{A}) - negl(\lambda) \leq |Z||T|Adv_{DGSA}^{ano}(S(\mathcal{A})),$$

where $negl(\lambda)$ is the negligible advantage due to the misauthentication resistance of TFRAC and $Adv_{DGSA}^{ano}(S(\mathcal{A}))$ is the advantage of \mathcal{S} running \mathcal{A} as a subroutine in the DGSA anonymity game. Thus,

$$Adv_{ZEEP}^{ano}(\mathcal{A}) - negl(\lambda) \leq Q|Z||T|Adv_{DGSA}^{ano}(S(\mathcal{A})).$$

Thus, a non-negligible advantage for \mathcal{A} in ZEEP anonymity game implies a non-negligible advantage for \mathcal{S} in DGSA anonymity game. \square

C.3 Ciphertext Integrity

Ciphertext integrity ensures that an adversary cannot generate a valid ciphertext for any zone z and time period t without possessing the corresponding zone key $K_{z,t}$. The experiment $Exp_{Z, Epoch, T}^{integrity}(\mathcal{A})$ to prove ciphertext integrity is detailed in Fig. 4.

DEFINITION C.3. *ZEEP satisfies ciphertext integrity if for any efficient adversary \mathcal{A} , zone-set Z , epoch set E and time-period set T ,*

$$Pr[Exp_{Z, E, T}^{integrity}(\mathcal{A}) = 1] \leq negl(\lambda).$$

To win, the adversary must output a fresh and valid ciphertext γ^* for zones whose keys it does not know, and also output an honest vehicle \mathcal{V} that decrypts γ^* to $P \neq \perp$.

THEOREM C.3. *ZEEP satisfies ciphertext integrity if DAE satisfies authenticity, TFRAC is misauthentication resistant if DGSA satisfies traceability, and PKE is IND-CPA secure.*

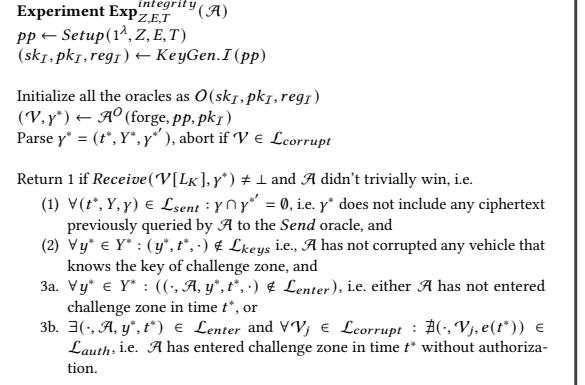


Figure 4: Experiment for Ciphertext Integrity

PROOF. Assuming that TFRAC is misauthentication-resistant, DGSA satisfies traceability, and PKE is IND-CPA secure, we prove that ZEEP achieves ciphertext integrity by reducing it to the **authenticity of the DAE scheme**.

Let \mathcal{A} be an adversary that wins the ZEEP ciphertext integrity game with probability at least ϵ . Let \mathcal{S} be the simulator that runs \mathcal{A} as a subroutine and interacts with the DAE authenticity challenger C_b^{priv} . The challenger generates secret key $K \leftarrow DAE.KeyGen(pp)$ and provides pp to \mathcal{S} . \mathcal{S} generates the remaining protocol parameters. It runs $(sk_{TFRAC}, pk_{TFRAC}) \leftarrow TFRAC.KeyGen(pp_{TFRAC})$, $(sk_{DGSA}, pk_{DGSA}) \leftarrow DGSA.KeyGen(pp_{DGSA})$ and sends all the public parameters and $pk_I = (pk_{TFRAC}, pk_{DGSA})$ to \mathcal{A} .

\mathcal{S} randomly selects a zone, time period (\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}) and sets the zone key $K_{\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}} = K$. It then responds to the adversary's queries as follows.

- *Enroll.V&I* : \mathcal{S} runs the protocol and stores the generated TFRAC credential.
- *Enroll.I* : \mathcal{S} runs the protocol with sk_I .
- *Authorize.V&I* : \mathcal{S} runs the protocol and stores generated TFRAC and DGSA credentials.
- *Authorize.I* : \mathcal{S} runs the protocol with pk_I .
- *Enter*: On input $(q_V, \mathcal{V}, z, t, msg)$ on behalf of honest vehicle \mathcal{V} , if $(z, t) = (\tilde{z}, \tilde{t})$ and $\mathcal{V} \notin \mathcal{L}_{corrupt}$, \mathcal{S} executes *Enter* protocol with \mathcal{A} .
 - If $msg = request$, then simulator \mathcal{S} generates $(ek, dk) \leftarrow PKE.KeyGen(1^\lambda)$, computes authentication token $tok \leftarrow DGSA.GenTok(pk_I, cred_V, e, (z, t, ek))$, and sends (z, t, ek, tok_V) to \mathcal{A} .
 - If $msg = response$, then on input $(\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}, ek, tok)$ from \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{S} checks whether the request is from a non-corrupt vehicle identity in the same protocol execution (i.e. \mathcal{A} is replaying a request of a non-corrupt vehicle (passive attack). If so, \mathcal{S} encrypts a random message instead of K with PKE. **IND-CPA security of PKE** ensures the indistinguishability from the actual protocol. If $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{corrupt}$, or if the request is not from a non-corrupt vehicle in the same protocol execution (active attack) then \mathcal{S} sends \perp and aborts.

If \mathcal{A} wins the ciphertext integrity game, with $t^* = \tilde{t}$ as the challenge time period, the winning condition 3b ensures that no corrupt vehicle \mathcal{V}_j is authorized in $e(\tilde{t})$. Therefore, either

- there exists a vehicle with a valid credential for $e(\tilde{t})$ without enrollment, which occurs with negligible probability if **TFRAC is misauthentication-resistant**, or
- no such vehicle exists, and the token sent by the adversary is valid, which happens with negligible probability if **DGSA satisfies traceability**.

Therefore, by aborting the protocol upon receiving a token from \mathcal{A} , simulator's response is computationally indistinguishable from the real protocol execution.

- **Exit** : On input (\mathcal{V}, z, t) , \mathcal{S} simply deletes $(z, t, K_{z,t})$ from $\mathcal{V}[L_K]$ that it locally maintains for \mathcal{V} .
- **Send** : On input $(\mathcal{V}, P, Y \ni \tilde{z}, \tilde{t})$, \mathcal{S} checks whether all zones in Y are active for \mathcal{V} and $(\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}, \cdot) \in \mathcal{V}[L_K]$. If not it aborts, otherwise, \mathcal{S} generates payload key $K \leftarrow SE.KeyGen(ppSE)$, computes $ct \leftarrow SE.Enc(K, P)$ and $\gamma_{\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}}$ by sending K to C_b^{priv} . \mathcal{S} encrypts K with keys of remaining zone-time pairs in the query and sets ciphertext similar to *Enter*.
- **Receive** : On ciphertext $y = (t, Y \ni \tilde{z}, ((y, \gamma_y, t))_{y \in Y}, ct)$ such that $t = \tilde{t}$, \mathcal{S} checks if there exists a zone $y \neq \tilde{z}$ in Y such that $(y, t, \cdot) \in \mathcal{V}[L_K]$. If so, it decrypts the ciphertext using $K_{y,t}$ and replies as the real *Receive* protocol. Otherwise, it checks whether $(\tilde{z}, t, \cdot) \in \mathcal{V}[L_K]$. If not, it returns \perp ; if yes, it sends $(\gamma_{\tilde{z}}, \tilde{t}, ct)$ as a header to the challenger C and forwards its response to \mathcal{A} .
- **Open, Revoke, Corrupt** queries are handled exactly as in the previous games.

Note: For all queries where $z \neq \tilde{z}$ or $t \neq \tilde{t}$, \mathcal{S} simply runs the corresponding protocol on the given inputs.

Finally \mathcal{A} outputs a challenge (\mathcal{V}, γ^*) , where γ^* is parsed as (t^*, Y^*, γ^{**}) . If $t^* \neq \tilde{t}$ or $\tilde{z} \notin Y^*$, \mathcal{S} aborts. Otherwise in the case if \mathcal{A} wins, $Receive(\mathcal{V}[L_K], \gamma^*) \neq \perp$, then some $y^* \in Y^*$ exists which satisfies $DAE.Dec(K_{y^*, \tilde{t}}, \gamma_{y^*, \tilde{t}}) \neq \perp$. The probability of such $y^* = \tilde{z}$ is $1/|Z|$, and such $t^* = \tilde{t}$ is $1/|T|$. Additionally, since γ^* was not in the set of sent ciphertexts, $\gamma_{\tilde{z}, \tilde{t}}$ must be a fresh one. \mathcal{S} then forwards it to $C_{DAE,b}^{auth}$, breaking DAE authenticity. Hence, if \mathcal{A} succeeds with probability ϵ , \mathcal{S} breaks DAE authenticity with probability at least $\epsilon/(|Z||T|) - negl(\lambda)$. As **DAE satisfies authenticity** and $|Z|, |T|$ are polynomial, ϵ must be negligible. \square

C.4 Ticket traceability

ZEEP ensures that any vehicle holding a zone key $K_{z,t}$ must have entered zone z at time t by sending a message that allows the corresponding authentication ticket to be traced and blocklisted. The experiment $Exp_{Z,E,T}^{trace}(\mathcal{A})$ is detailed in Fig. 5.

DEFINITION C.4. ZEEP satisfies ticket traceability if for any PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , zone-set Z , epoch set E , and time-period set T ,

$$\Pr[Exp_{Z,E,T}^{trace}(\mathcal{A}) = 1] \leq negl(\lambda).$$

THEOREM C.4. ZEEP satisfies ticket traceability if DGSA satisfies unforgeability and traceability, PKE is IND-CPA secure, and TFRAC is misauthentication resistant.

PROOF. Let \mathcal{A} be an adversary that wins the ticket traceability game with ϵ probability. To win the game \mathcal{A} outputs a tuple (z^*, t^*, K_{z^*, t^*}) such that there exists at least one honest vehicle

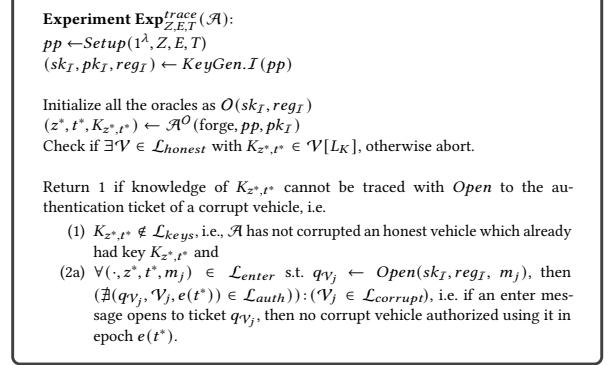


Figure 5: Experiment for Traceability to Tickets

$\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}_{honest}$ which accepted the key. The winning conditions implies that $K_{z^*, t^*} \notin \mathcal{L}_{keys}$, which requires one of the following condition to hold.

- (1) Case 1: No enter message involving $m_j = (z^*, t^*, \cdot)$ is sent, i.e. $m_j = (z^*, t^*, \cdot)$ does not exist in \mathcal{L}_{enter}
- (2) Case 2: There exists atleast one enter message involving $m_j = (z^*, t^*, \cdot)$ in \mathcal{L}_{enter}

Case 1: Since no message of the form $m_j = (z^*, t^*, \cdot)$ exists in \mathcal{L}_{enter} , \mathcal{A} does not interact actively with the system and cannot influence the key list. \mathcal{A} only sees ciphertexts generated via PKE during Enter. Hence, traceability reduces to the **IND-CPA security of PKE**.

Case 2: In this case atleast one such message m_j exists, then the winning condition ensures that if $q_{V_j} \leftarrow Open(sk_I, st_I, m_j)$ is the ticket recovered from m_j then the following scenarios can occur:

- (1) There is no tuple $(q_{V_j}, \mathcal{V}_j, e(t^*)) \in \mathcal{L}_{auth}$ such that $\mathcal{V}_j \in \mathcal{L}_{corrupt}$. It shows some corrupt vehicle \mathcal{V}_j did not get authorized in epoch $e(t^*)$ using q_{V_j} . In this case, the traceability of ZEEP can be reduced to the **traceability of DGSA**. We construct a simulator \mathcal{S} that runs the adversary \mathcal{A} as a subroutine. The simulator \mathcal{S} uses the message m_j and token *tok* output by \mathcal{A} as a forgery for the vehicle \mathcal{V}_j in epoch $e(t^*)$.
- (2) There exist $(q_{V_j}, \mathcal{V}_j, e(t^*)) \in \mathcal{L}_{auth}$ such that $\mathcal{V}_j \in \mathcal{L}_{honest}$. It shows either i) \mathcal{A} replayed a valid message from the honest vehicle or ii) \mathcal{A} forged a token that opens to an authentication ticket q_{V_j} of an honest vehicle that never computed it. In the first case, ZEEP traceability can be reduced to the **IND-CPA security of PKE** similar to Case 1. In the second case, traceability can be reduced to **DGSA traceability** similar to Case 2.1.
- (3) There exists $(q_{V_j}, \mathcal{V}_j, e(t^*)) \in \mathcal{L}_{auth}$ such that $\mathcal{V}_j \notin \mathcal{L}_{honest}$ and $\mathcal{V}_j \notin \mathcal{L}_{corrupt}$. This implies \mathcal{V}_j was never enrolled i.e. \mathcal{A} forged a TFRAC credential. In this case, ZEEP traceability can be reduced to **TFRAC misauthentication resistance**.

Since all primitives are assumed to be secure, the adversary's advantage in breaking the traceability of ZEEP is negligible. \square

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