Anonymous Key Agreements for V2X Communication

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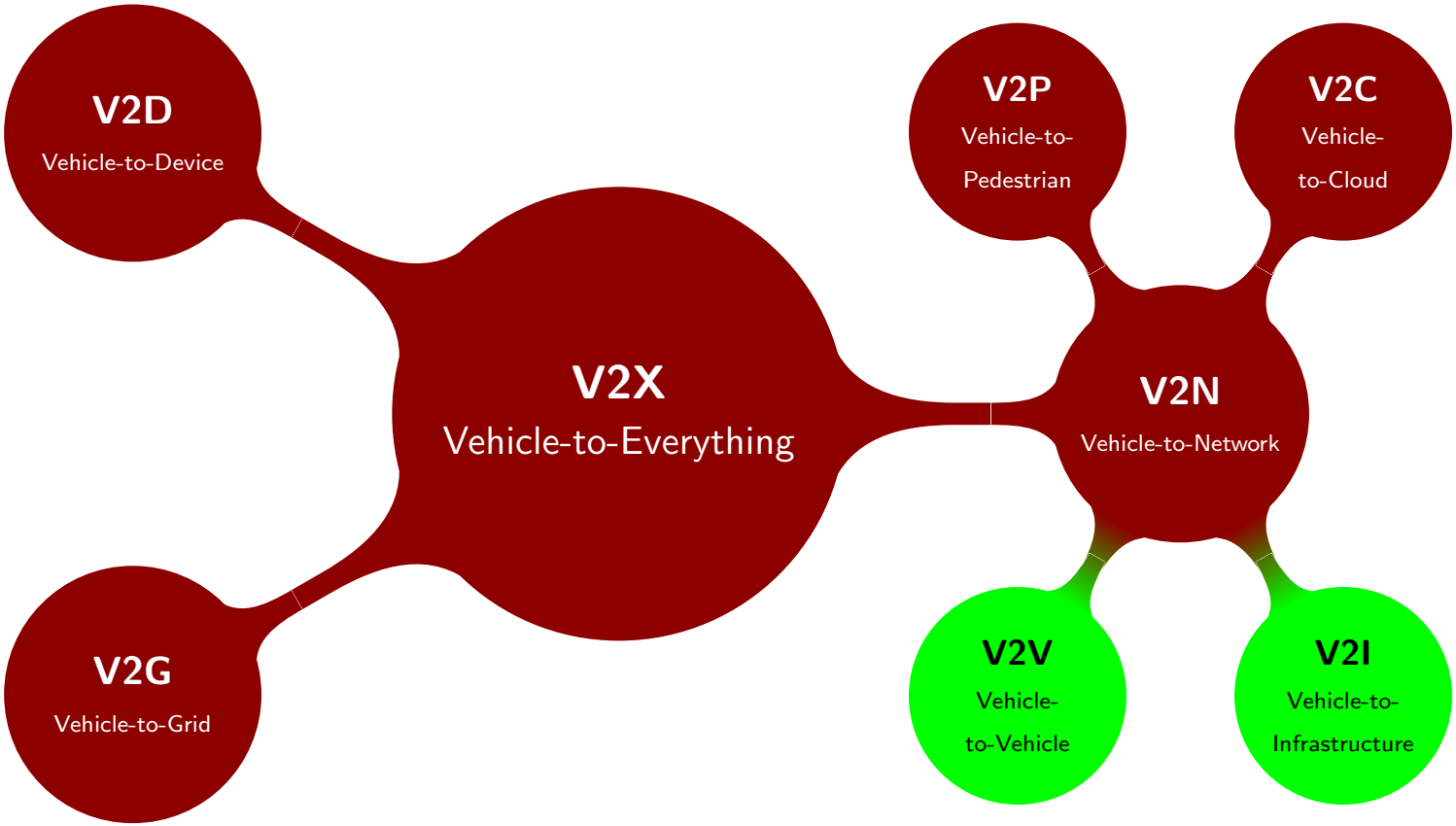
V2X Related Terminology



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3. Hardness assumption: *Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Assumption*.
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4. For V2X,
   - Anonymous credentials issued to vehicles regularly.
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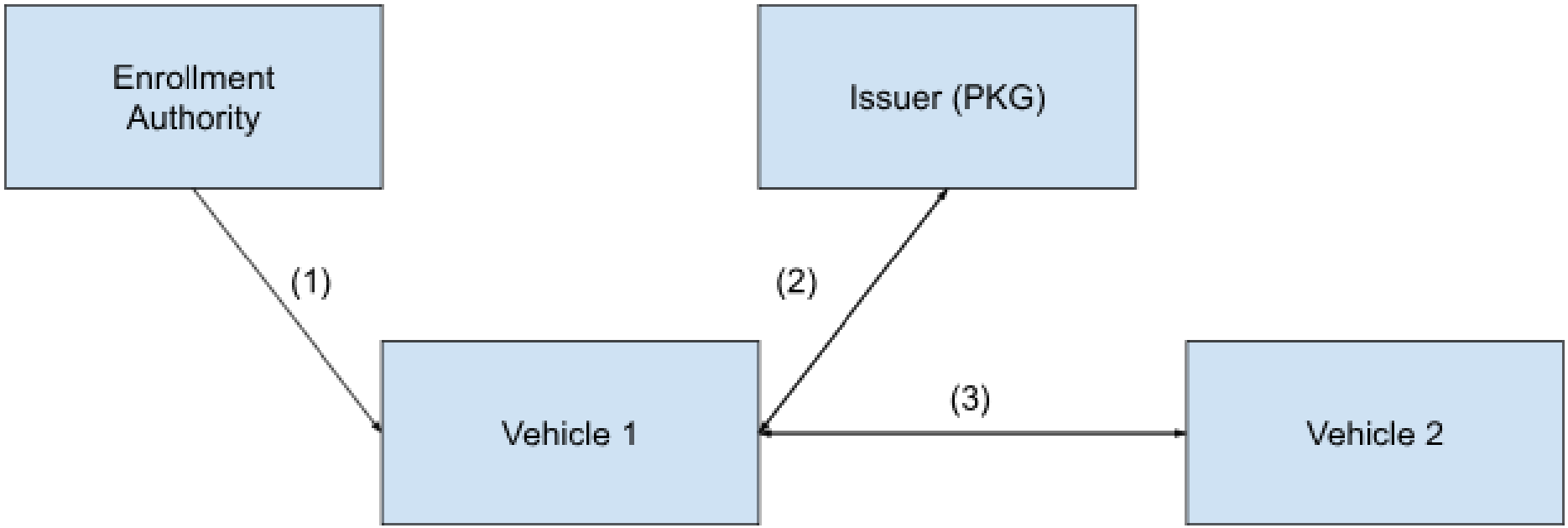

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