

# Zone Encryption with Anonymous Authentication for V2V Communication

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# V2X Related Terminology

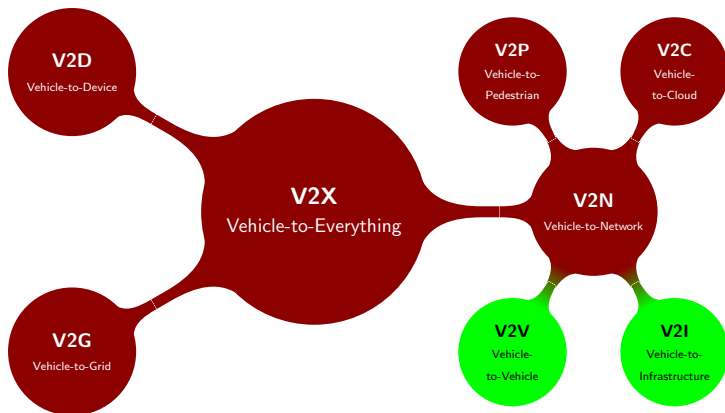


Figure 1: A breakdown of V2X.

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  - ① **Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)**
  - ② **Roadside Infrastructure Information (MAP)**

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- ❸ Instead, focus on *privacy-preserving authentication*.
  - ❶ Ensuring a message is issued by a “genuine” vehicle.
  - ❷ “Genuine” vehicles must be untraceable.

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## ② Proposed systems

- ① Stronger privacy and security guarantees.
- ② Do not meet the *stringent bandwidth constraint* of **300 bytes per CAM**, thus impractical.

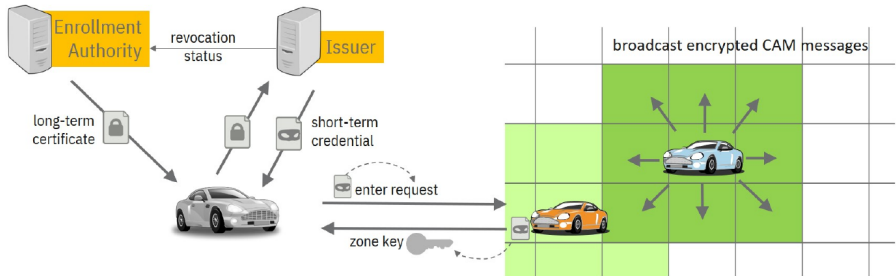
# Motivation and Goals

- ① Unlimited privacy.
- ② Address problems of authenticity and confidentiality in combination *for the first time*.
- ③ Meet (bandwidth) requirements.
- ④ Efficient encryption scheme (symmetric-key crypto).
- ⑤ Negligible storage and bandwidth overheads.
- ⑥ Better security guarantees (privacy, authenticity, confidentiality).

# Preliminaries

- ① Pairing-based Cryptography
- ② Hardness Assumptions
  - ① Symmetric Discrete Logarithm (SDL) assumption
  - ② Modified  $q$ -Strong Diffie-Hellman ( $q$ -MSDH-1) assumption
- ③ Deterministic Authenticated Encryption (DAE)
- ④ PS Signatures
- ⑤ Dynamic Group Signatures with Attributes (DGS+A)

# Overall Flow of Zone Encryption



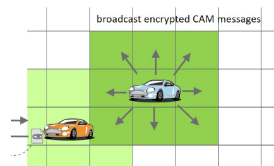
**Figure 2:** Illustration of Zone Encryption with its Anonymous-Authentication Approach.

# Notation

Notation	Meaning
$Z$	Set of zones covering the road network
$\mathcal{P}$	Payload/message space
$Epoch$	Set of epochs
$T$	Set of timestamps
$K_{z,t}$	Zone key for zone $z$ at time $t$
$L_K$	List of zone keys known to a vehicle, stored as $(z, t, K_{z,t})$
$\mathcal{E}$	Enrollment authority
$\mathcal{I}$	Issuer
$\mathcal{V} \in \{0, 1\}^*$	Vehicle identity
$cert_{\mathcal{V}}$	Long-term certificate of $\mathcal{V}$
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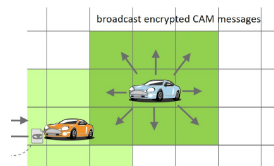


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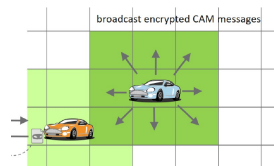
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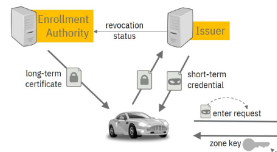


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- ② An *issuer*  $\mathcal{I}$  issues *short-term credentials* to vehicles every epoch.
  - ① Long-term credential  $cert_{\mathcal{V}}$  used here.
  - ② Short-term credential  $cred_{\mathcal{V}}$  obtained.
  - ③  $cred_{\mathcal{V}}$  is valid only for the epoch  $e$  in which it was issued.

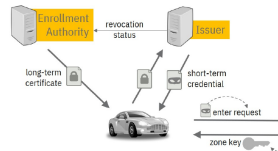


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## Receiving Long-term and Short-term Credentials

- ①  $\langle \text{Enroll.V}(pk_{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{V}) \Leftarrow \text{Enroll.E}(sk_{\mathcal{E}}, st_{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{V}) \rangle \rightarrow \langle cert_{\mathcal{V}}, st'_{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$
- ②  $\langle \text{Authorize.V}(cert_{\mathcal{V}}, e, pk_{\mathcal{I}}) \Leftarrow \text{Authorize.I}(sk_{\mathcal{I}}, st_{\mathcal{I}}, \mathcal{V}, e, pk_{\mathcal{E}}) \rangle \rightarrow \langle cred_{\mathcal{V}}, st'_{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ 
  - Vehicle uses certificate to obtain credentials.
  - Issuer checks certificate using public key of issuer.

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## Entering and Exiting Zones

- ①  $\langle \text{Enter.V}(cred_V, L_K, pk_I, z, t, requester) \rightleftharpoons \text{Enter.W}(cred_{W_i}, L_{K_i}, pk_I, z, t, responder_i)_{i \geq 0} \rangle \rightarrow \langle L_K, \perp \rangle$ 
  - Why  $i \geq 0$ ?
- ②  $\text{Exit}(L_K, z, t) \rightarrow L'_K$

## Sending and Receiving Payloads

- ①  $\text{Send}(L_K, P, Y \subseteq Z, t) \rightarrow \gamma / \perp$
- ②  $\text{Receive}(L_K, \gamma) \rightarrow P / \perp$
- ③ It's all symmetric key cryptography! (But what is the symmetric key?)

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## Identity Escrow

- ①  $\text{Open}(sk_{\mathcal{I}}, st_{\mathcal{I}}, m) \rightarrow \mathcal{V} / \perp$
- ②  $m$  is a message that was sent during an execution of Enter.
- ③ Only  $\mathcal{I}$  can find which vehicle sent  $m$ .
- ④ Use cases
  - To revoke certificates of misbehaving vehicles.
  - To provide concrete court evidence.
- ⑤ Assuming identity escrow is rare, Open need not be efficient in terms of time/storage complexity.



# Security of ZE

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# Instantiation of ZE and Efficiency

(Is it worth mentioning section 4.4.1 or can we leave this?)

# Summary of ZE

Table 2 of the paper.

# DGS+A

## Sub-headings

- ① Syntax
- ② Security properties (no proofs)
- ③ Instantiation from PS
- ④ Can be extended to threshold opening (should be a slide or only a mention during talk?)

# Challenges in Deploying ZE

## Section 4.6

# Future Improvements

Section 4.6, brief and top-level idea of mini-project if time permits.