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# Secure Vehicular Communication Systems: Towards Deployment

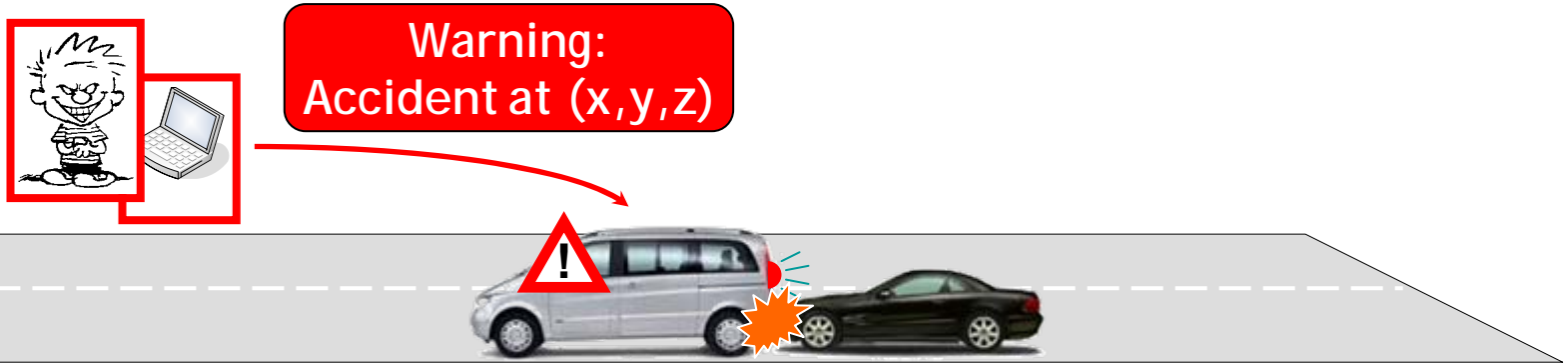


- The Fully Networked Car
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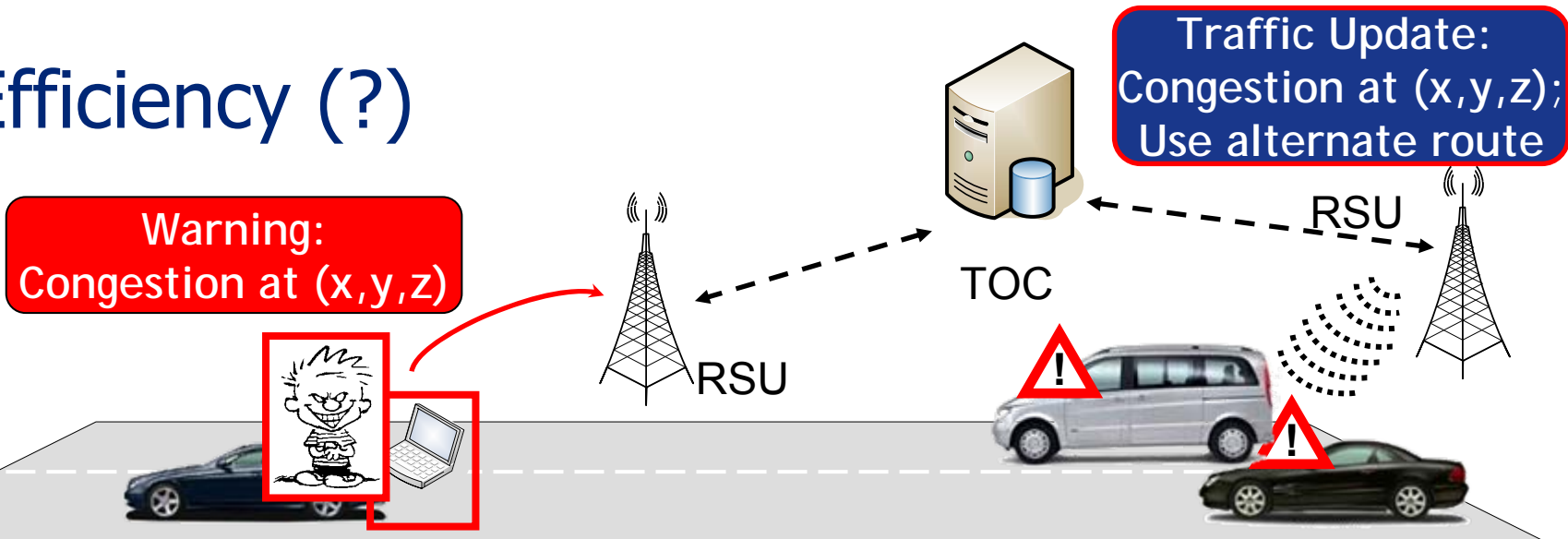


# Security and Privacy for VC?

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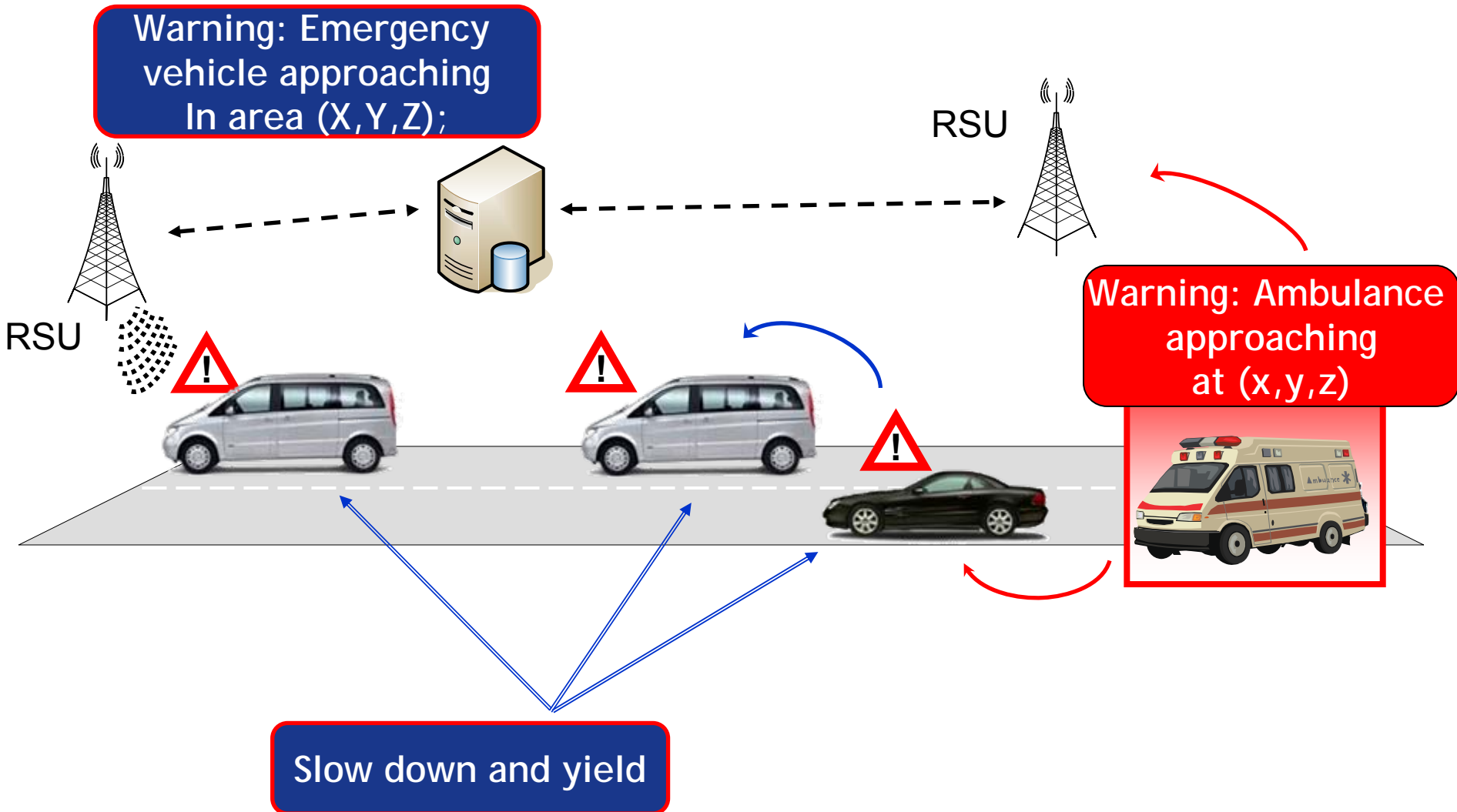


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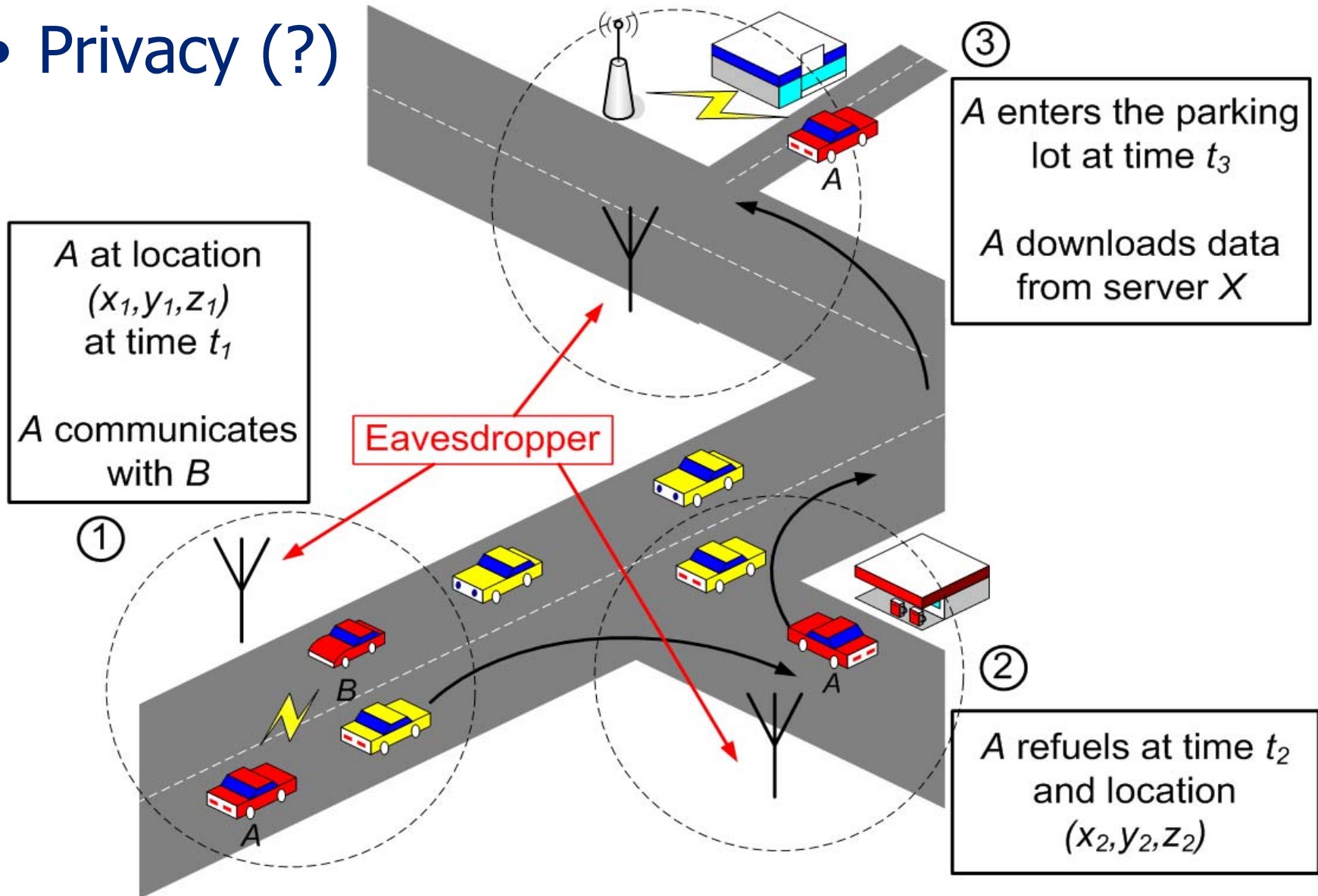
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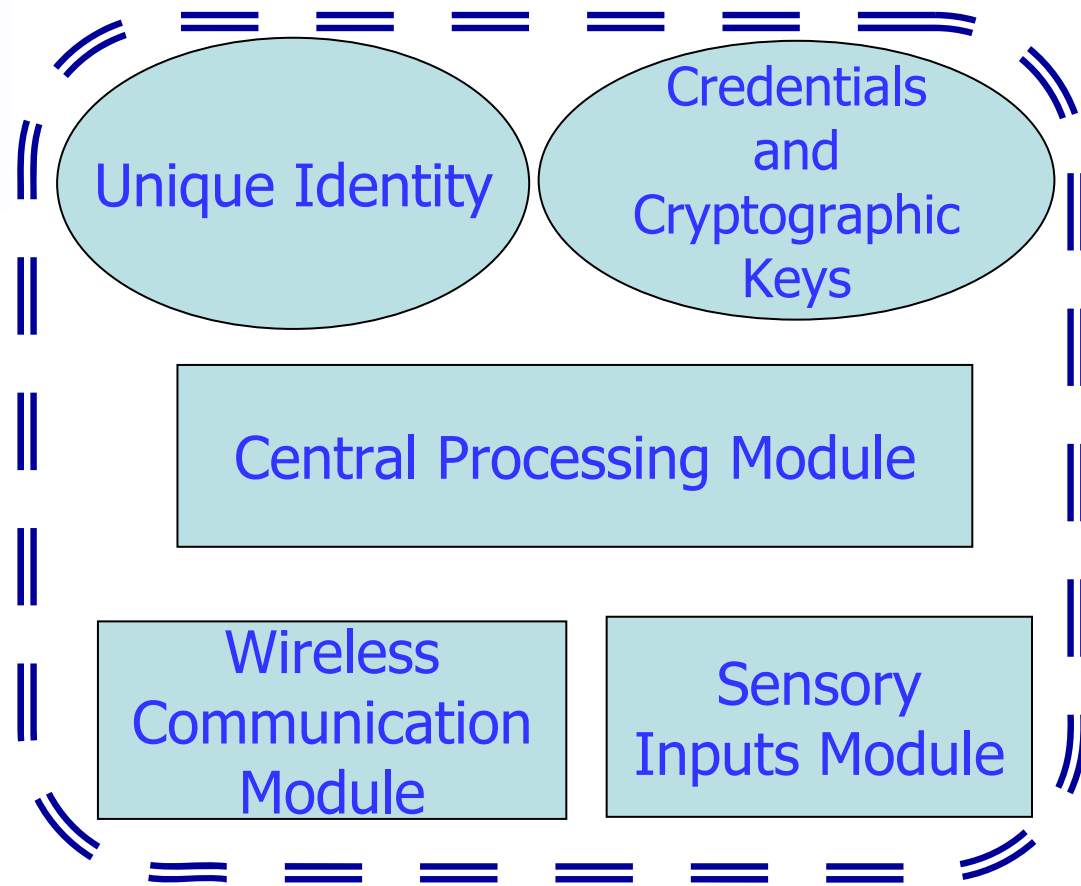
- Privacy (?)



# Secure VC system entities



Abstract view  
of a vehicle in a  
(secure) vehicular  
communications  
system



# Secure VC system entities (cont'd)

- Node V
  - Identity
    - Integration of pre-VC and VC-specific identifiers
    - Long-term
  - Cryptographic keys
    - Public/private  $K_V / k_V$
  - Credential
    - Certificate  $\text{Cert}_{CA}(V, K_V, A_V, T)$ 
      - $A_V$ : attributes of node V
      - T: lifetime

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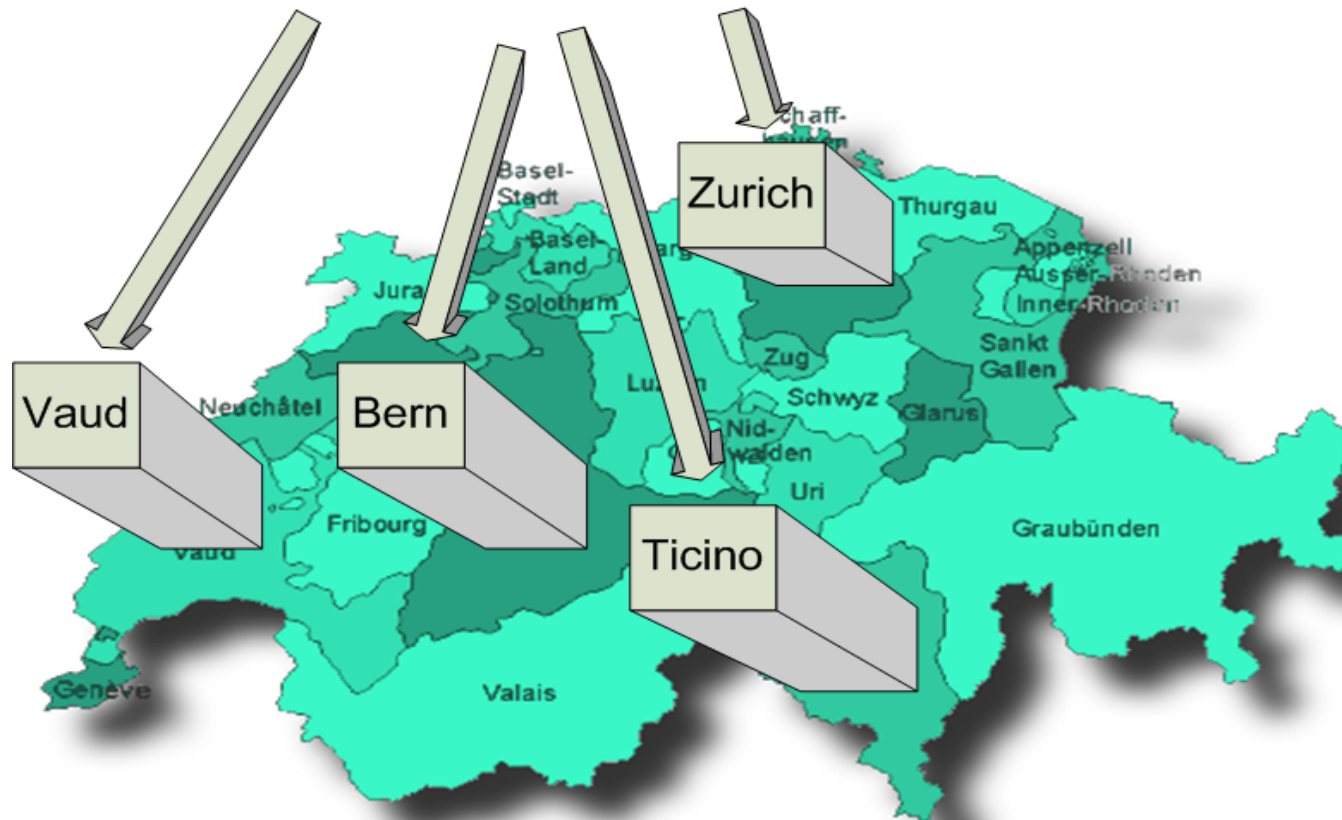
- Authority

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Higher Level or Other Authority

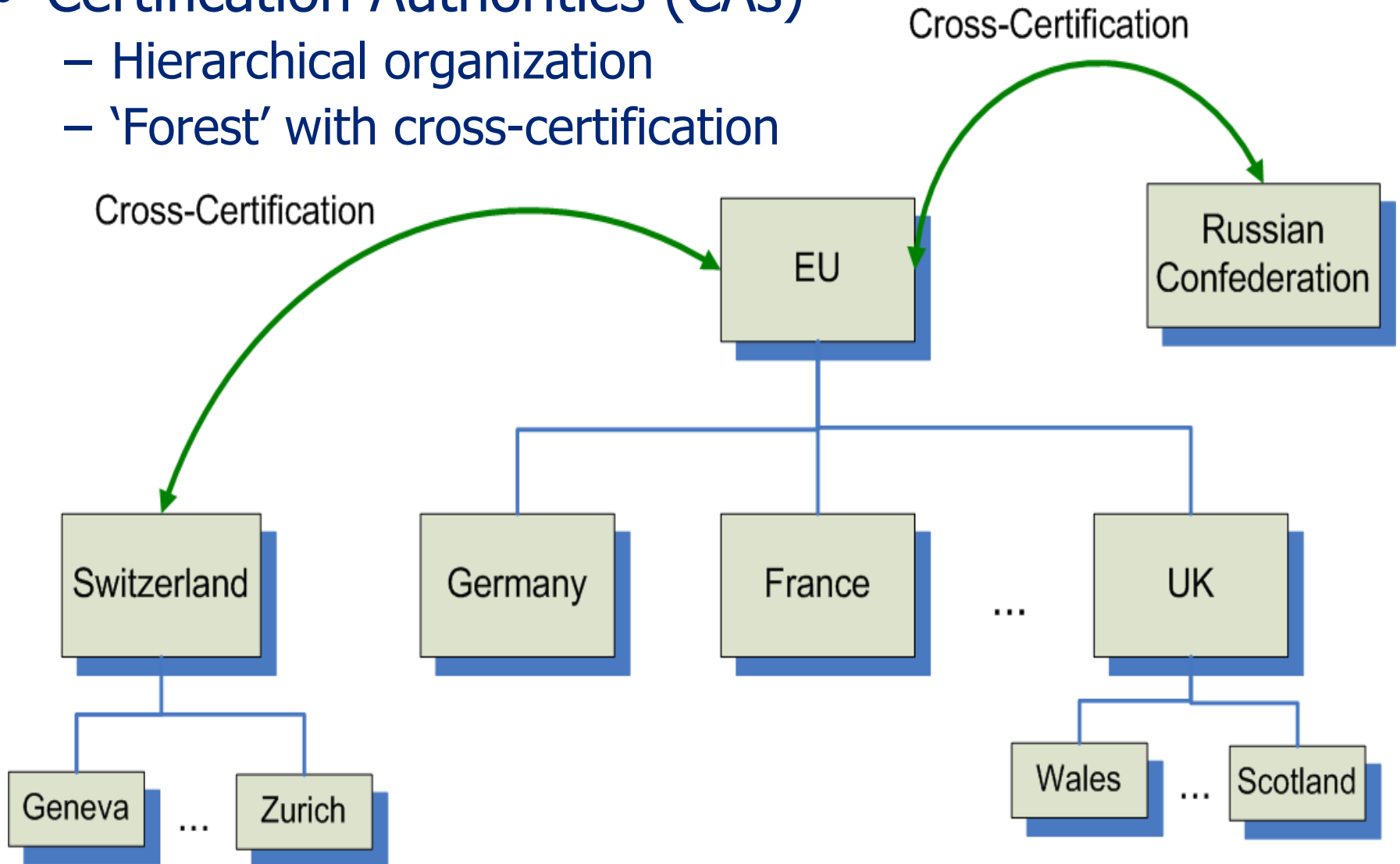
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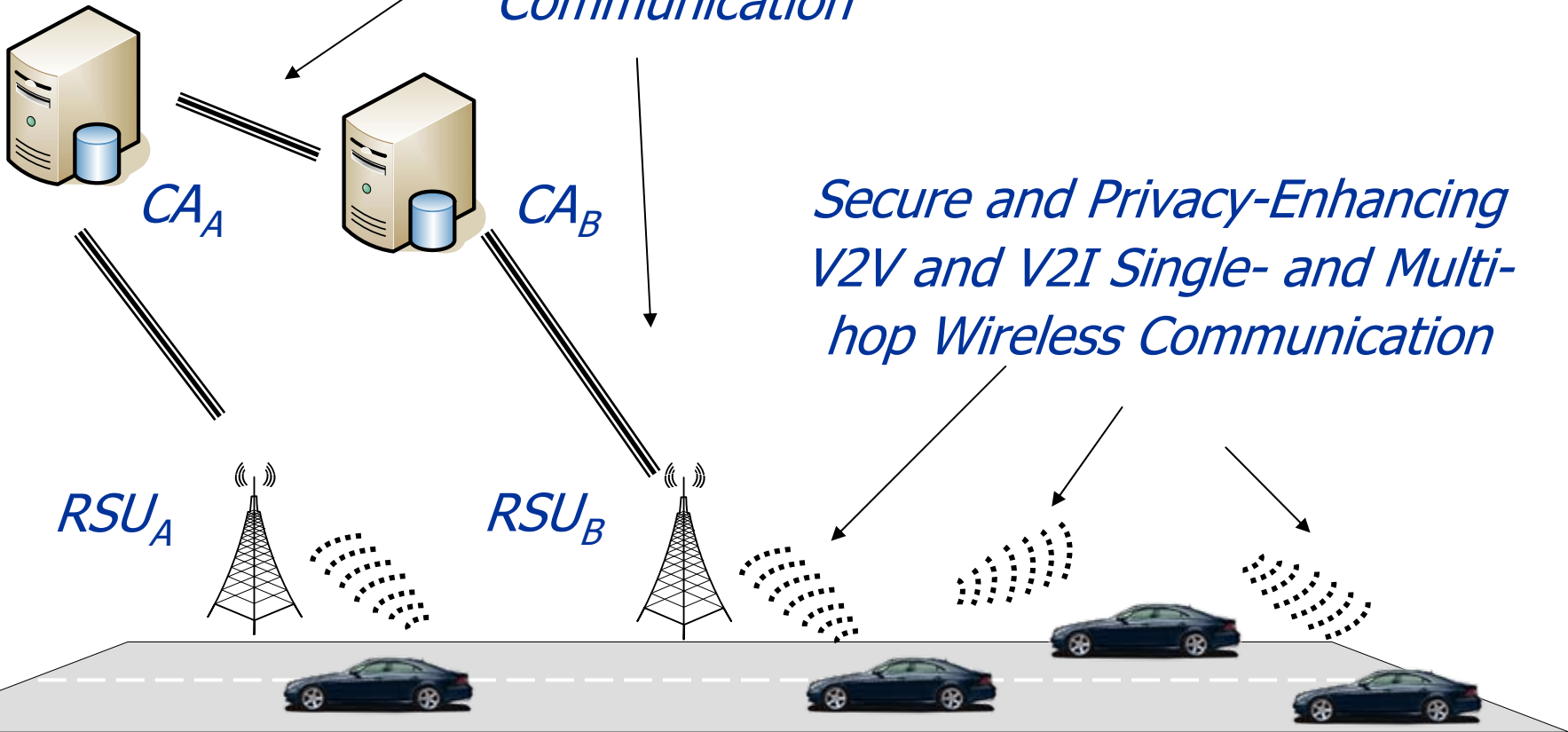
- Certification Authorities (CAs)
  - Hierarchical organization
  - 'Forest' with cross-certification



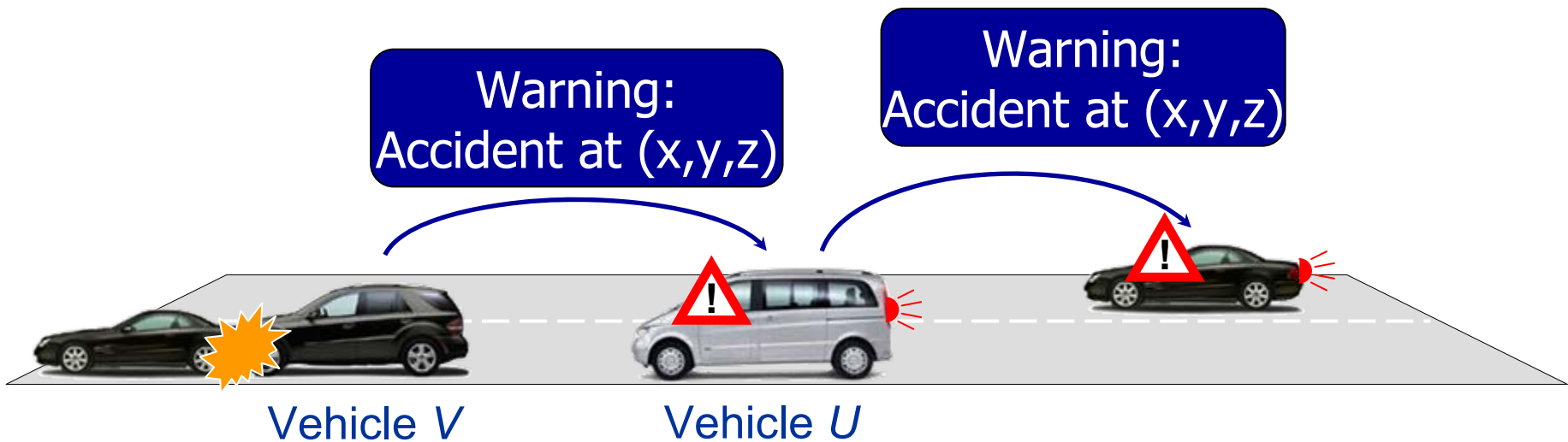
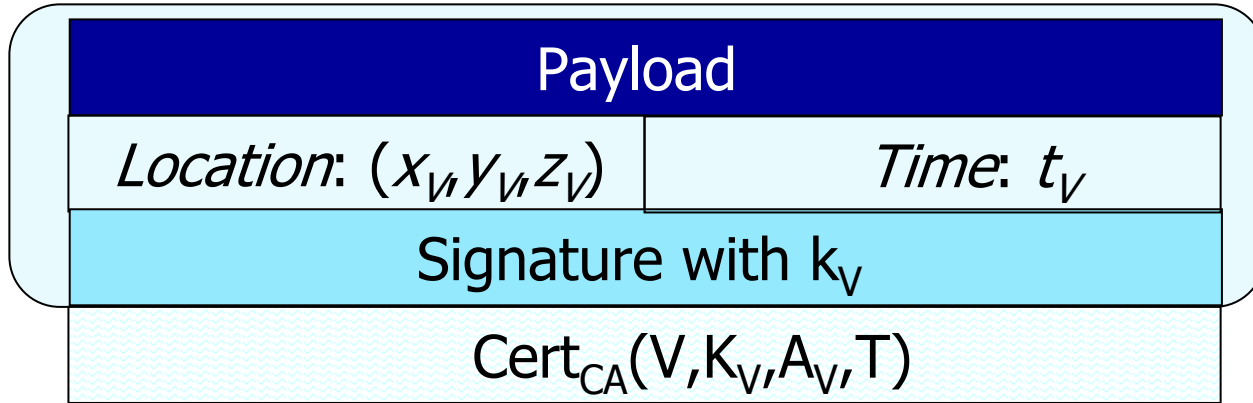
# Secure vehicular communication

*Secure Wire-line  
Communication*

*Secure and Privacy-Enhancing  
V2V and V2I Single- and Multi-  
hop Wireless Communication*

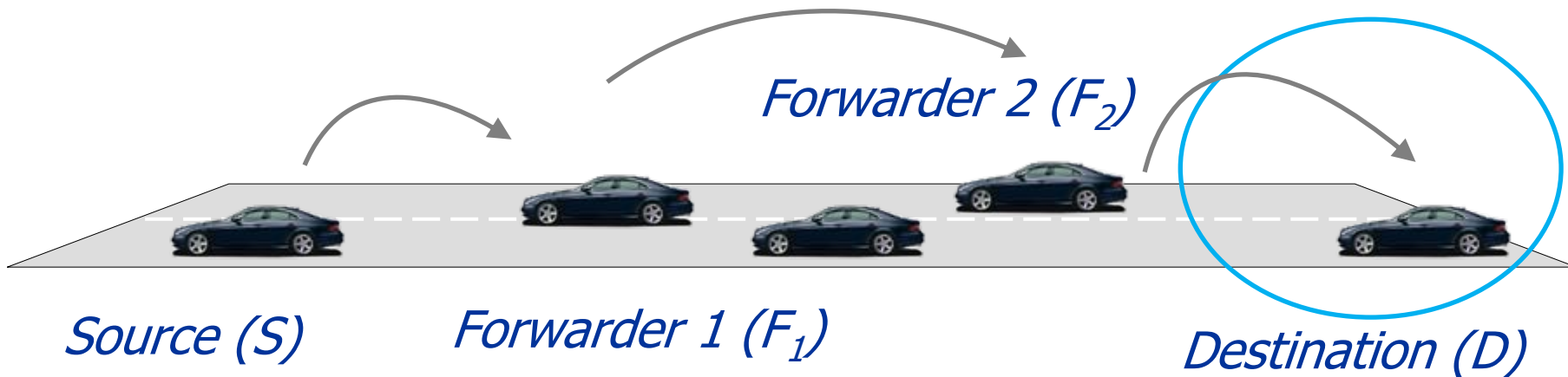


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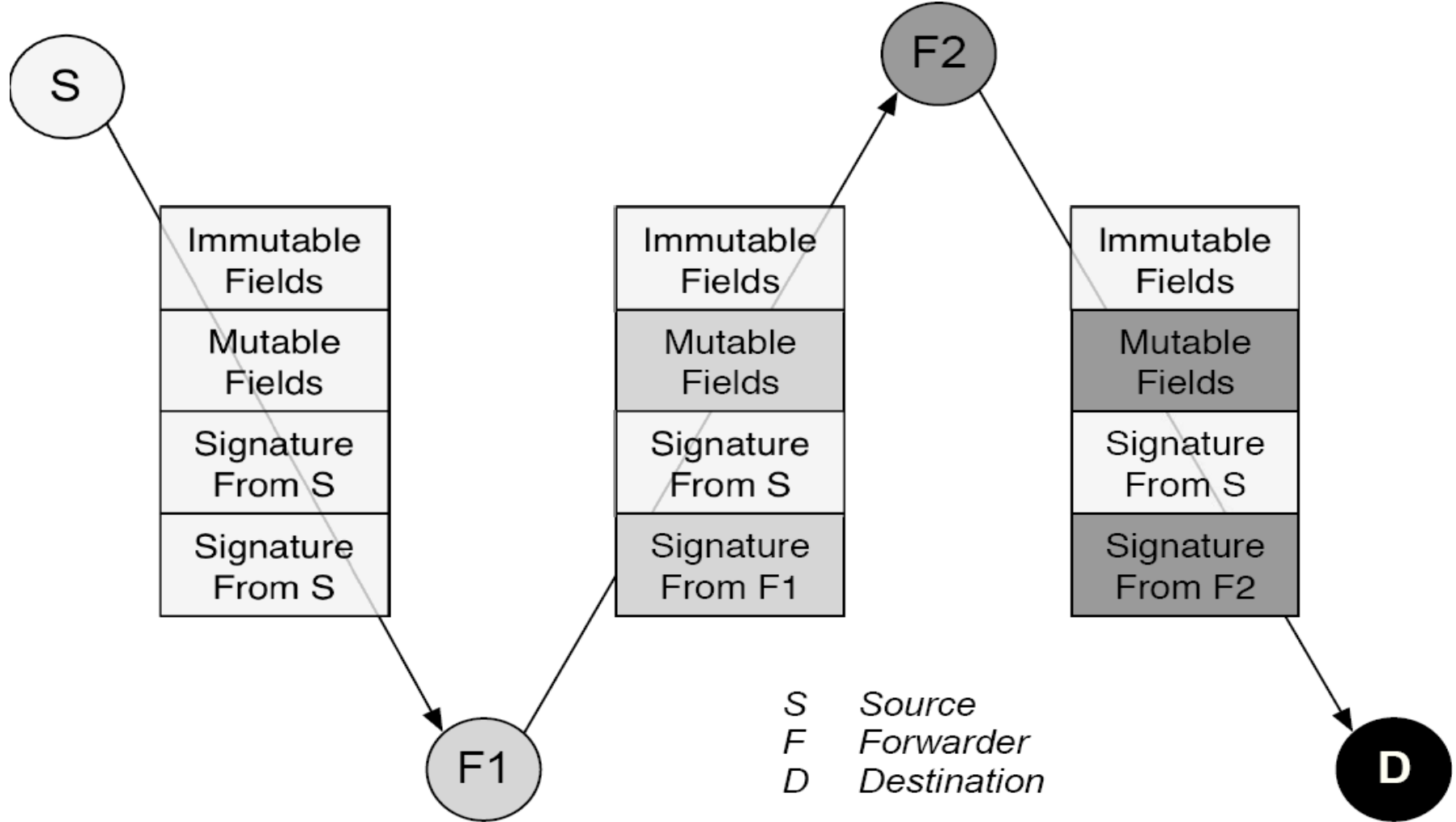


## Secure Geo-Cast (cont'd)

- Position-based routing
  - Relaying nodes (forwarders) also send packets to the geographically closest node to the destination (location)



# Secure Geo-Cast (cont'd)



C. Harsch, A. Festag, and P. P., "[Secure Position-Based Routing for VANETs](#)," IEEE VTC 2007-Fall

# Pseudonymous authentication

- At least the same degree of privacy achieved nowadays, before vehicular communications
- Ideally, anonymous and authentic communications, but:
  - High processing and communication overhead
  - Often, messages from the same vehicle should be linkable
- Requirement: messages generated by a given vehicle can be linked at most over a protocol-selectable period of time
  - The shorter this period, the harder to track a vehicle becomes

# Pseudonymous authentication (cont'd)

- **Pseudonym**
  - Certified public key
  - Certificate has no identifying information
- Equip vehicles with **multiple** pseudonyms
  - Alternate among pseudonyms over time (and space)
  - Sign message with the private key corresponding to pseudonym
  - Append current pseudonym to signed message

# Pseudonymous authentication (cont'd)

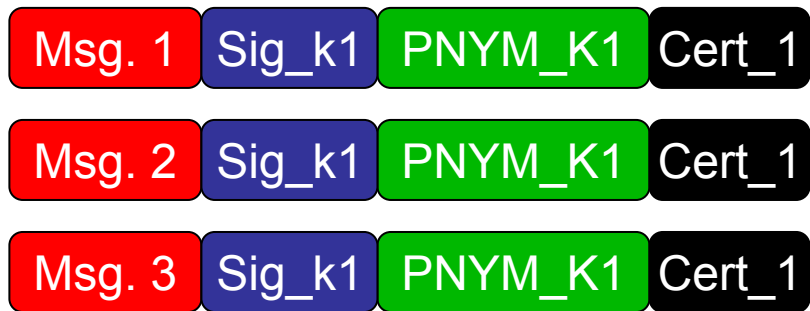
- Pseudonym format

PSNYM-Provider ID	PSNYM Lifetime
Public Key $K_i$	
PSNYM-Provider Signature	

- Supplying vehicles with pseudonyms
  - Sufficient in number
  - Periodic 'refills'
- Pseudonym provider: a trusted third party

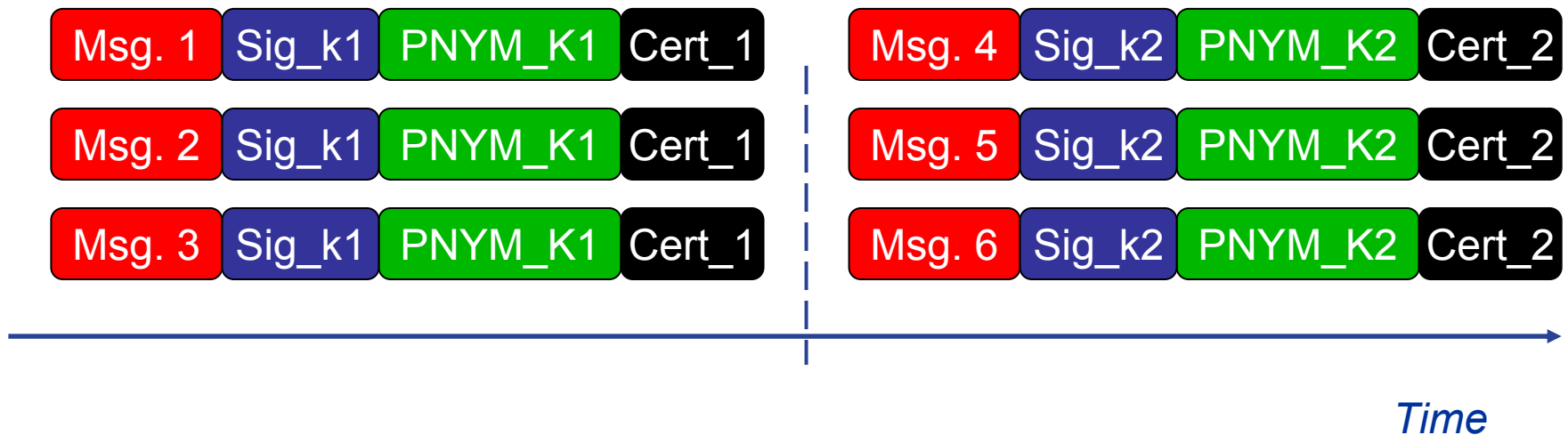
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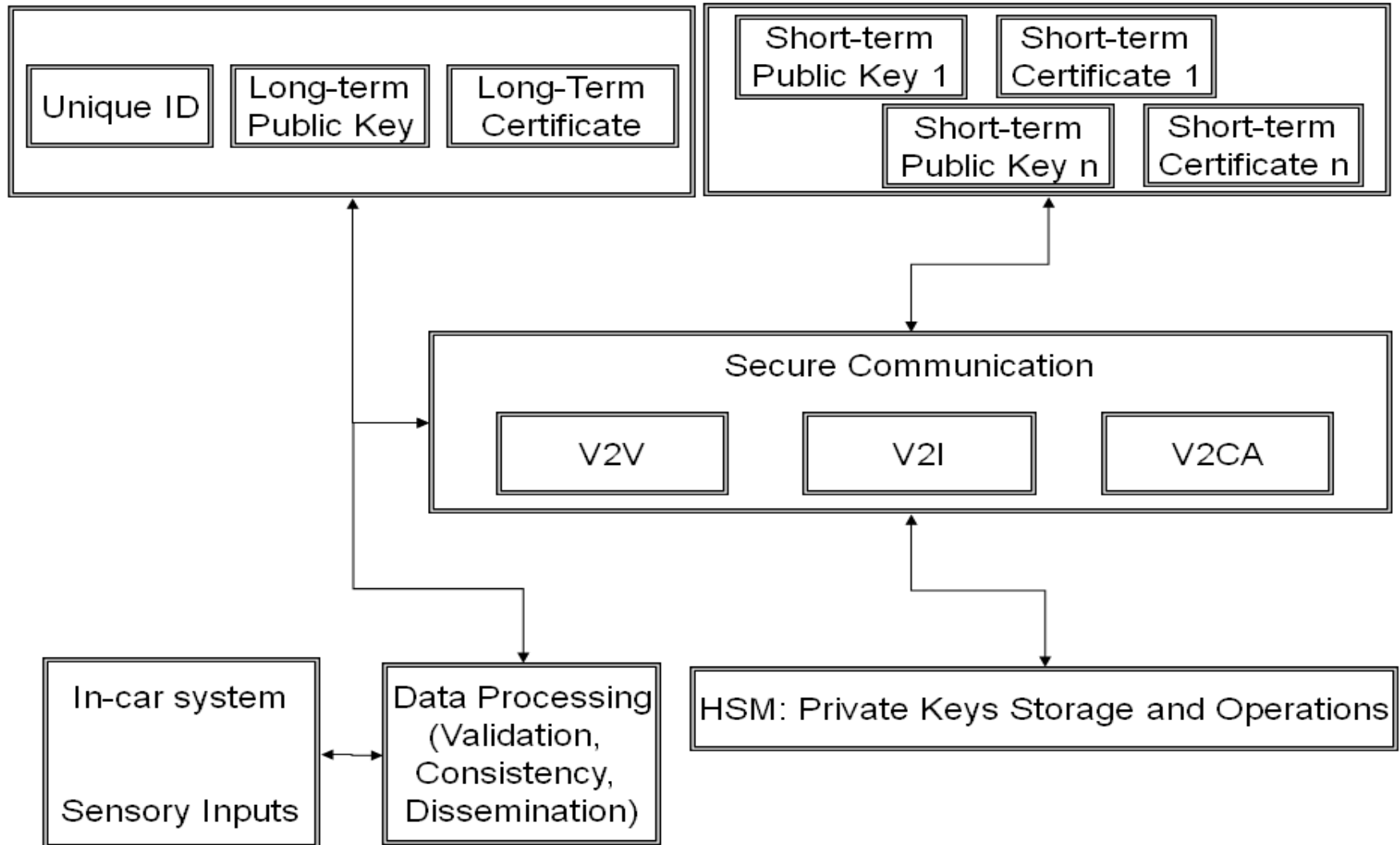


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# Pseudonymous authentication (cont'd)



# Secure VC: system overview



## Are secure VC systems practical?

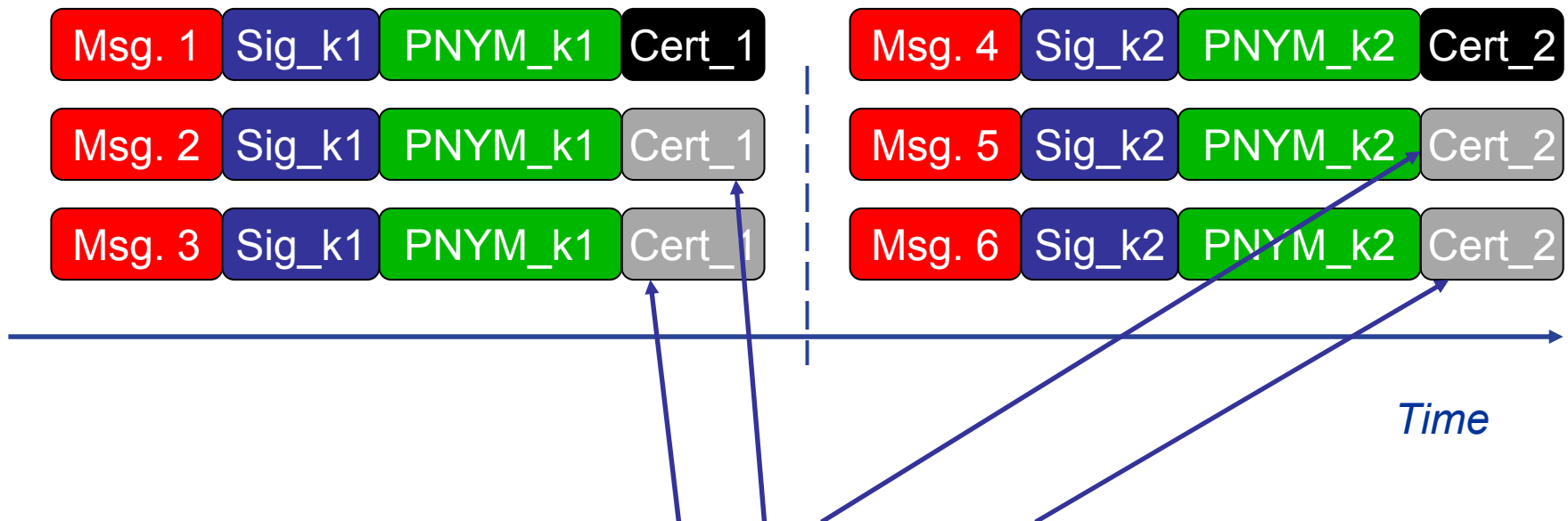
- Can security protocols run, along with the VC protocol stack, on the embedded computing units?
- Are security architectures easy to manage?
- Can a secured vehicular communication system be as effective as one without security?

## Are secure VC systems practical? (cont'd)

- Lesson 1: More on-board processing power
- Lesson 2: Careful use of strong security
  - Communication optimizations
  - Adaptation to operational requirements
- Lesson 3: Impact of security on VC-enabled applications
- Lesson 4: Security is perceived as a constraint

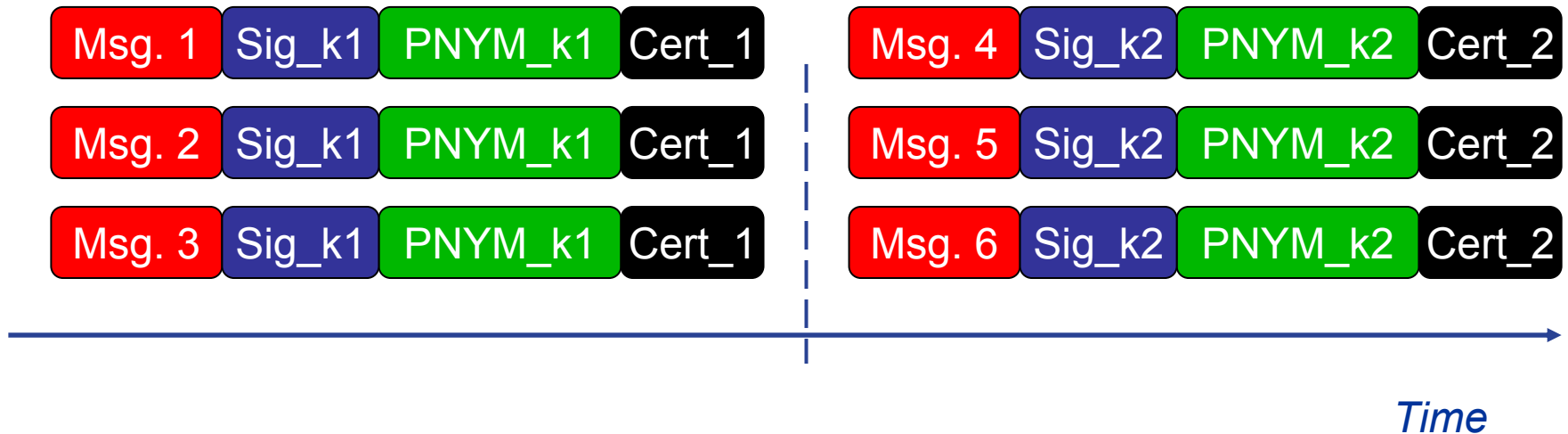
P. P., "[On the road - Reflections on the Security of Vehicular Communication Systems](#)," IEEE ICVES, Columbus, OH, USA, Sept. 2008

# Reducing SVC cost - Optimization (1)

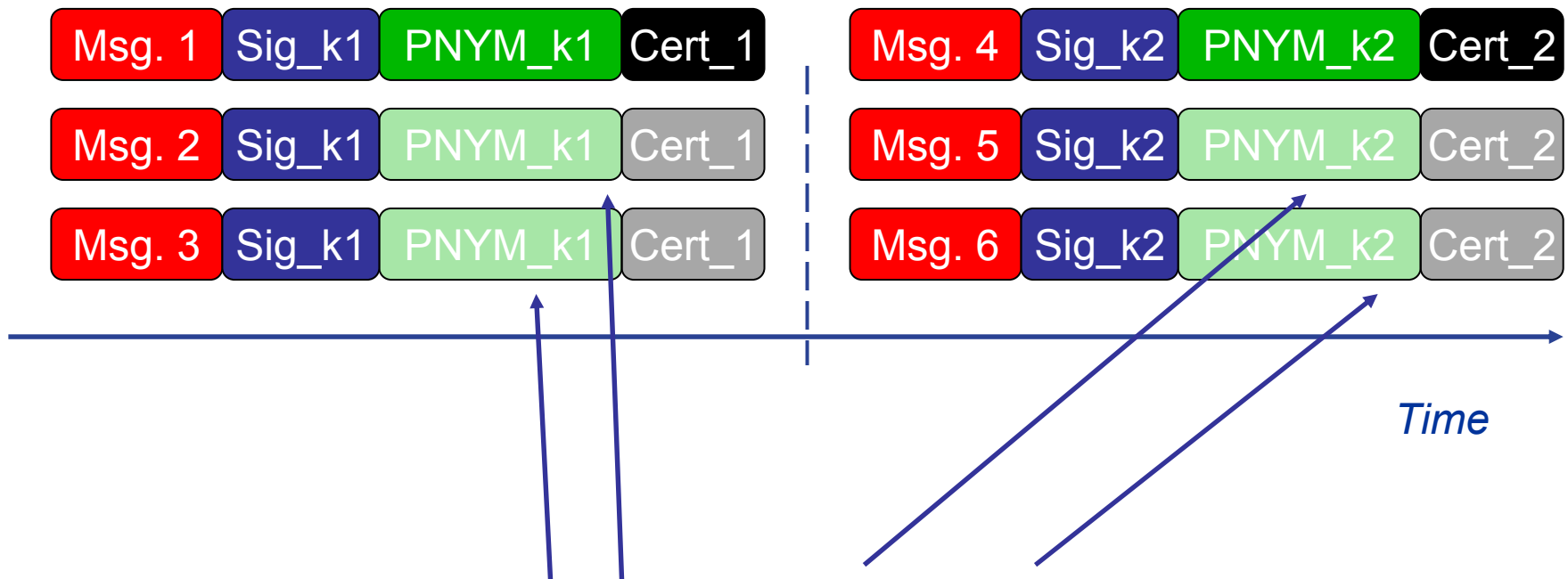


**Need to be generated / validated only  
once per pseudonym lifetime**

# Reducing SVC cost - Optimization (2)

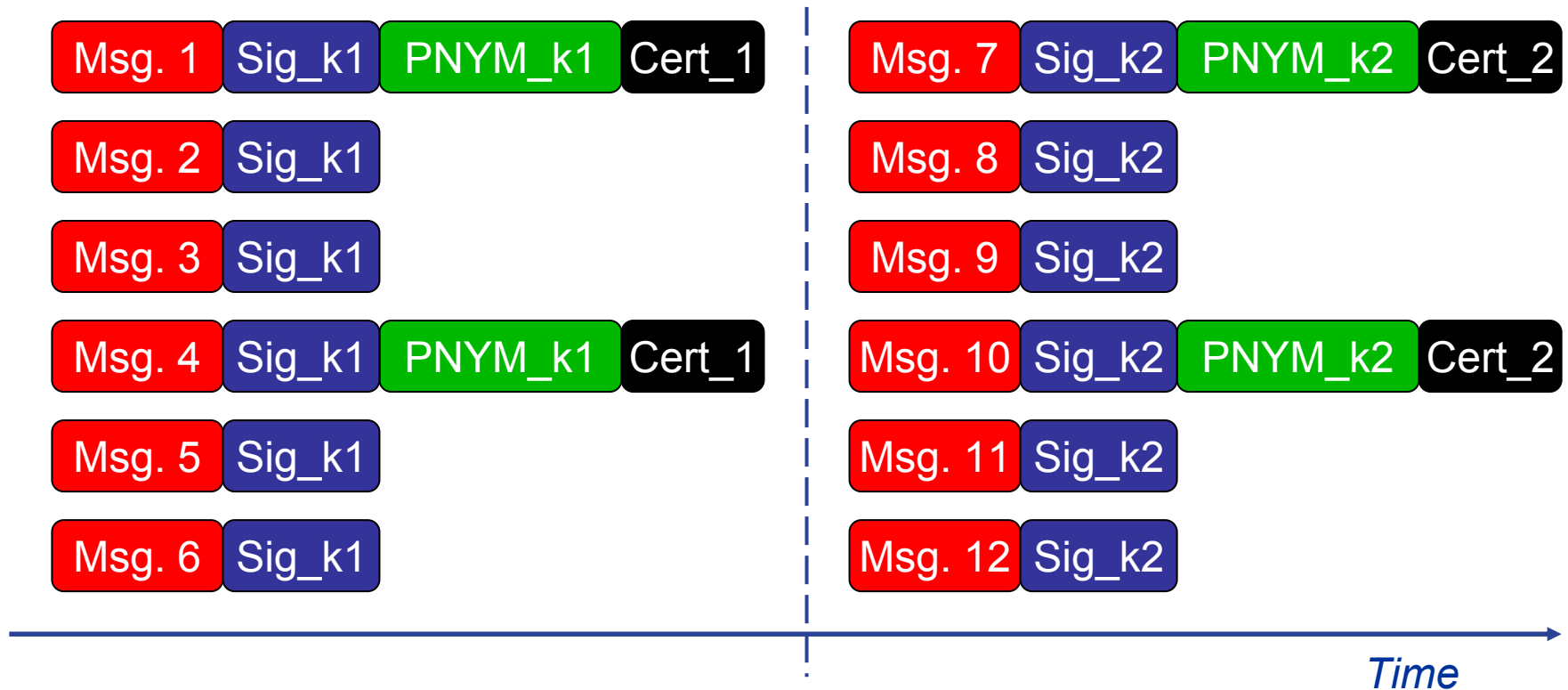


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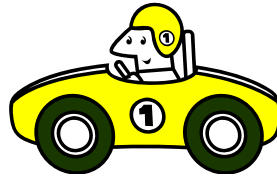


**Need to be attached to the message only periodically**

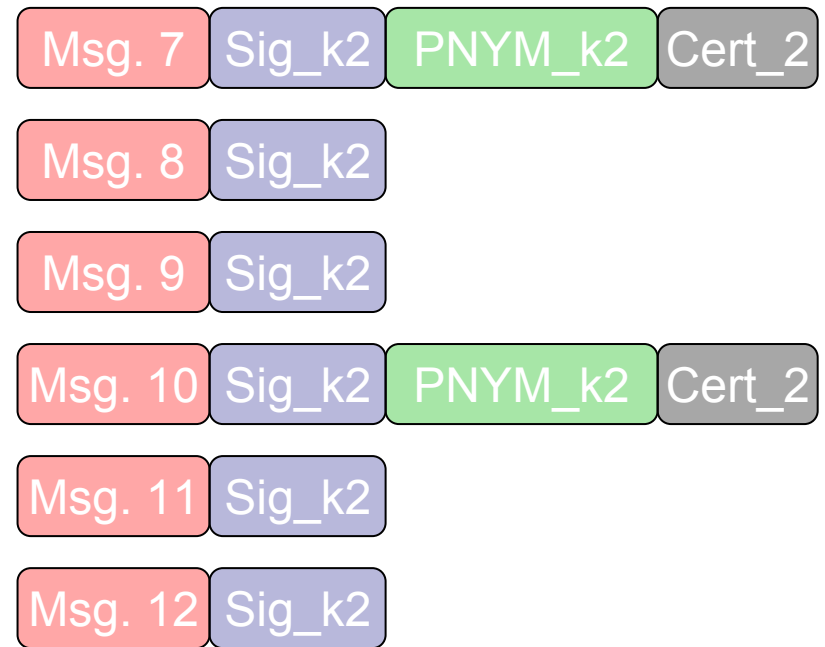
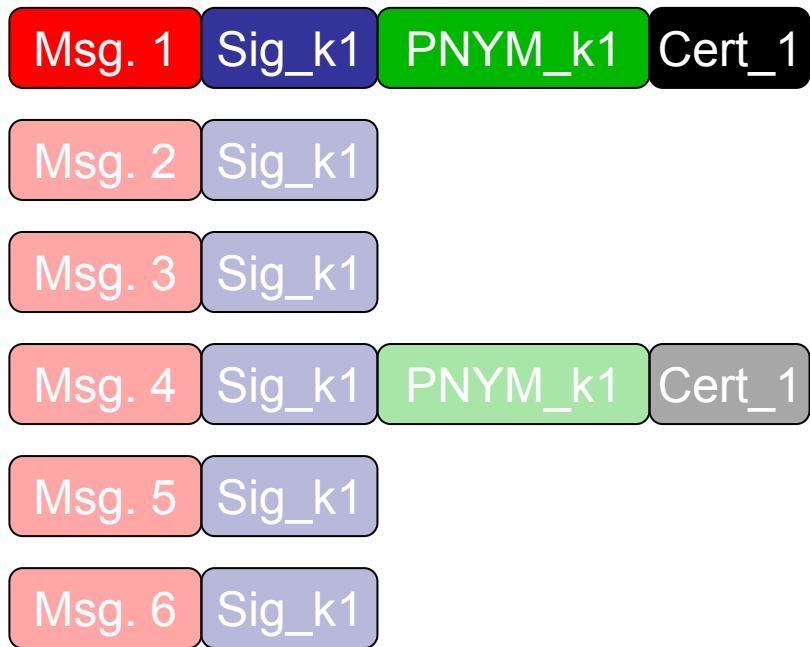
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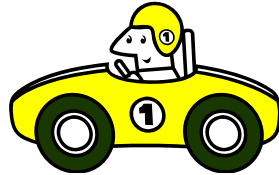


Vehicle PNYM\_k1  
is valid

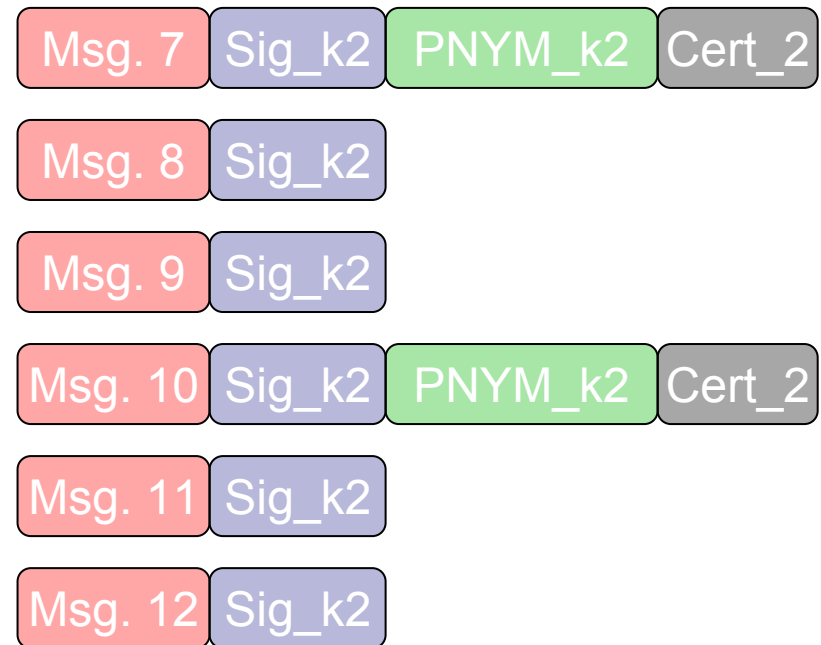
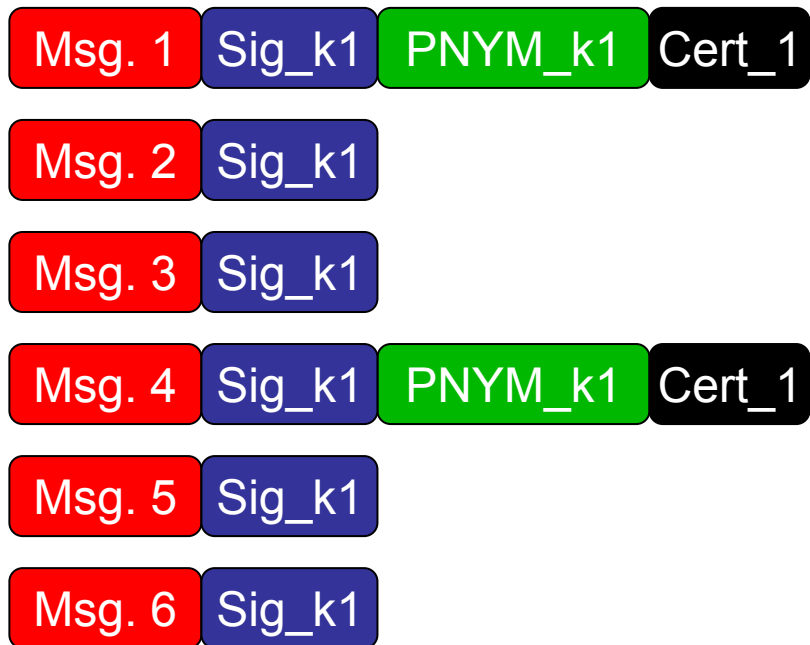


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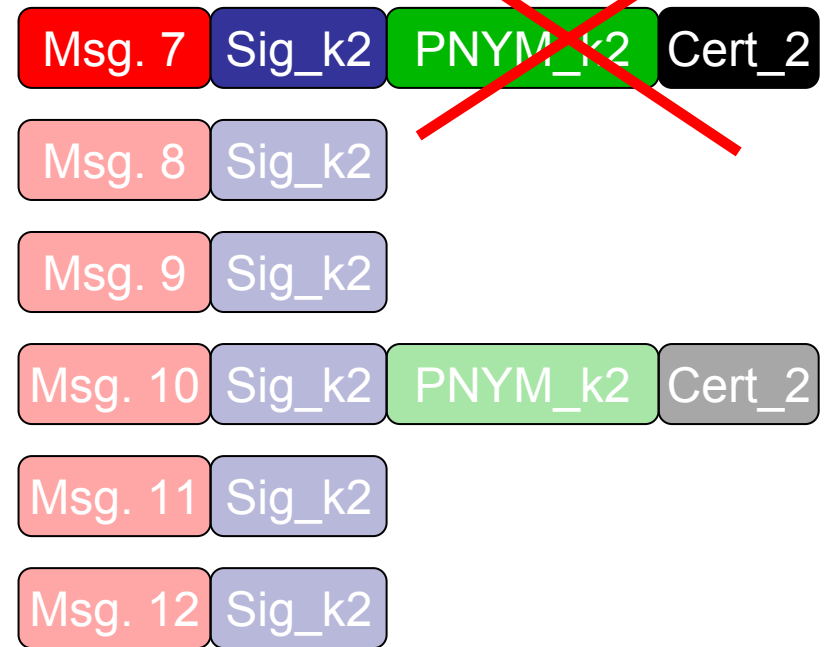
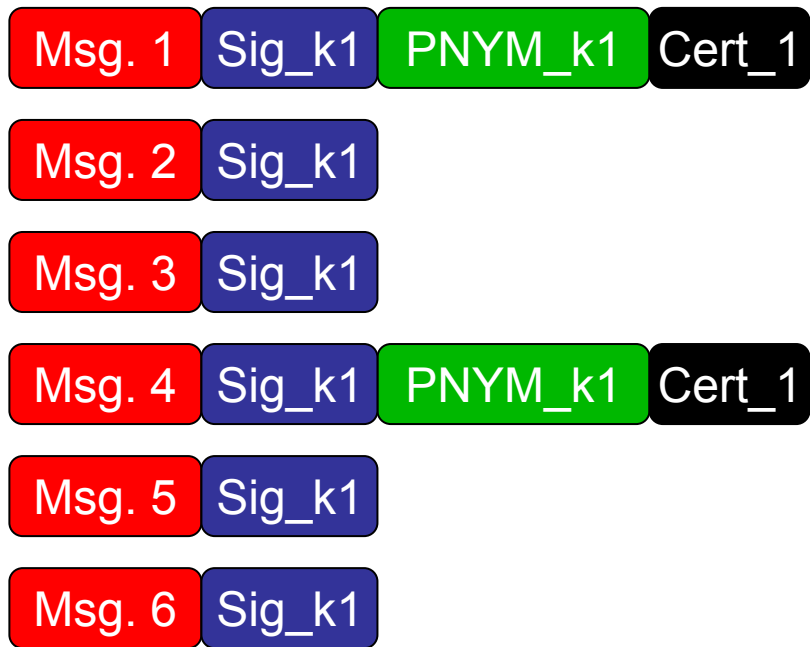


Messages from  
PNYM\_k1



Time

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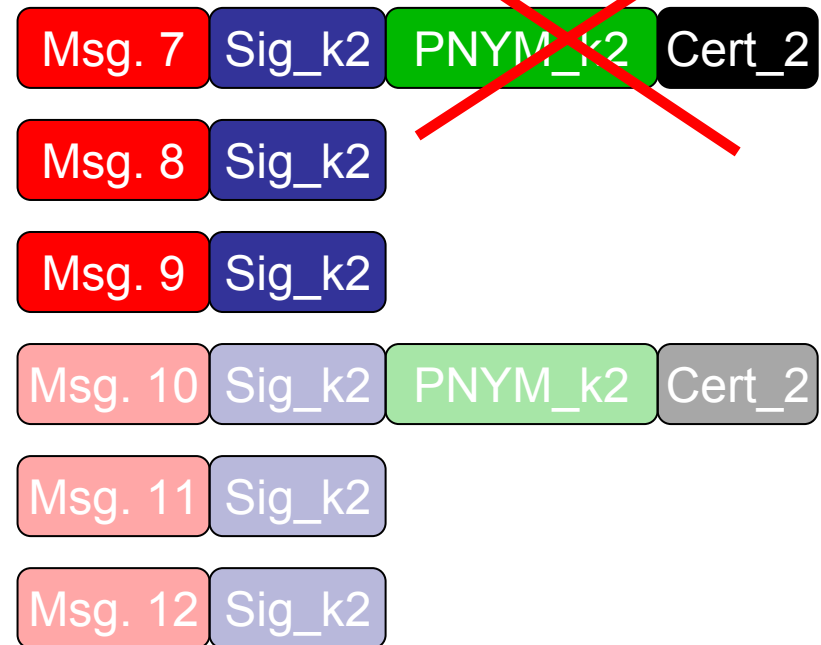
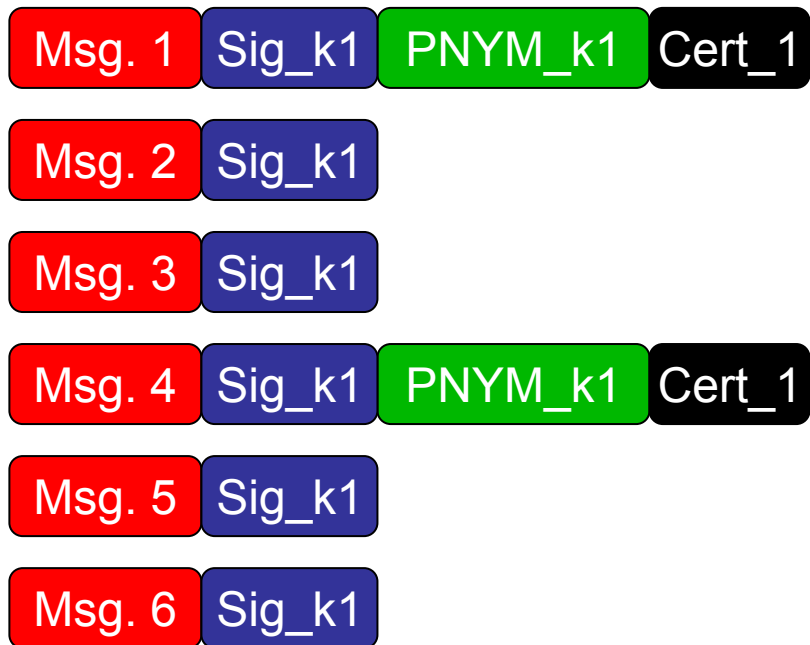


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# Reducing SVC cost - Optimization (3)



Messages from  
unknown vehicle

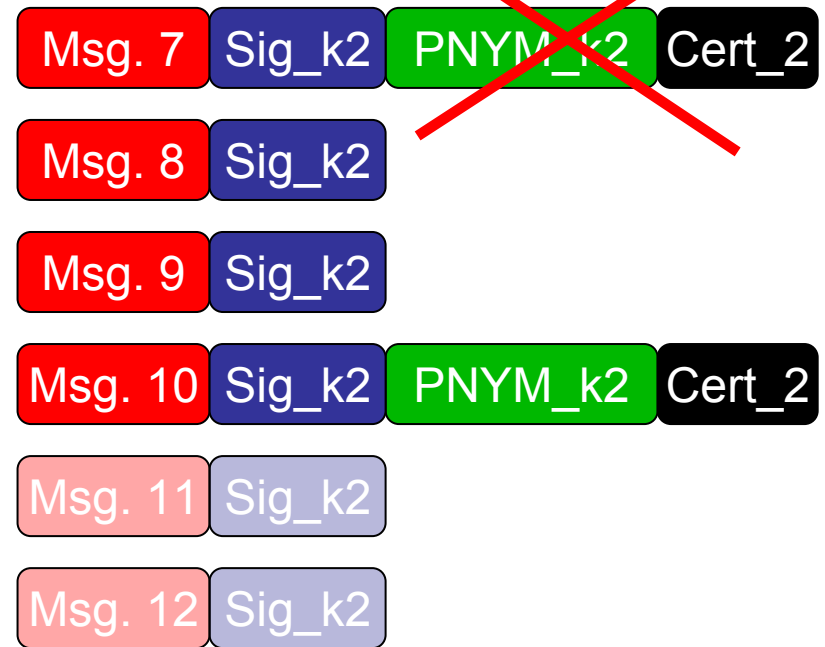
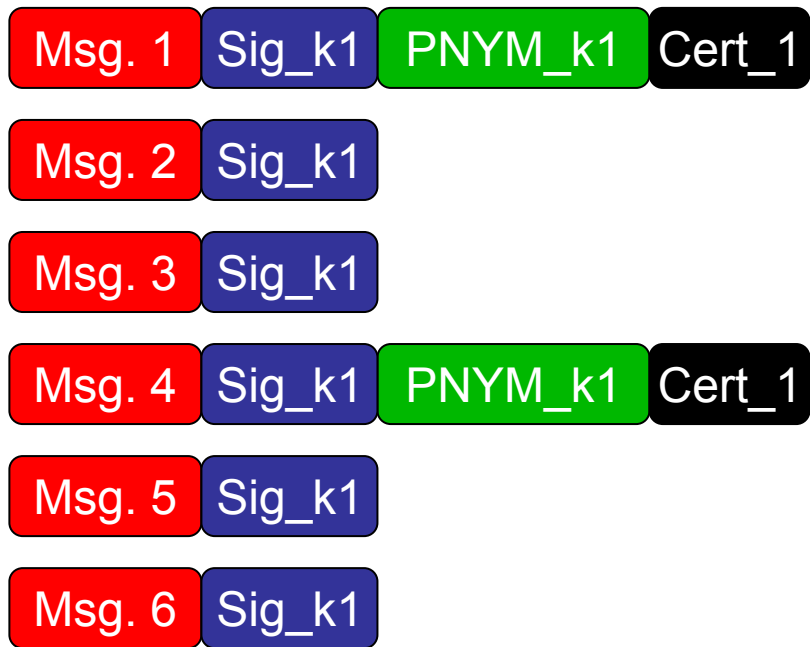


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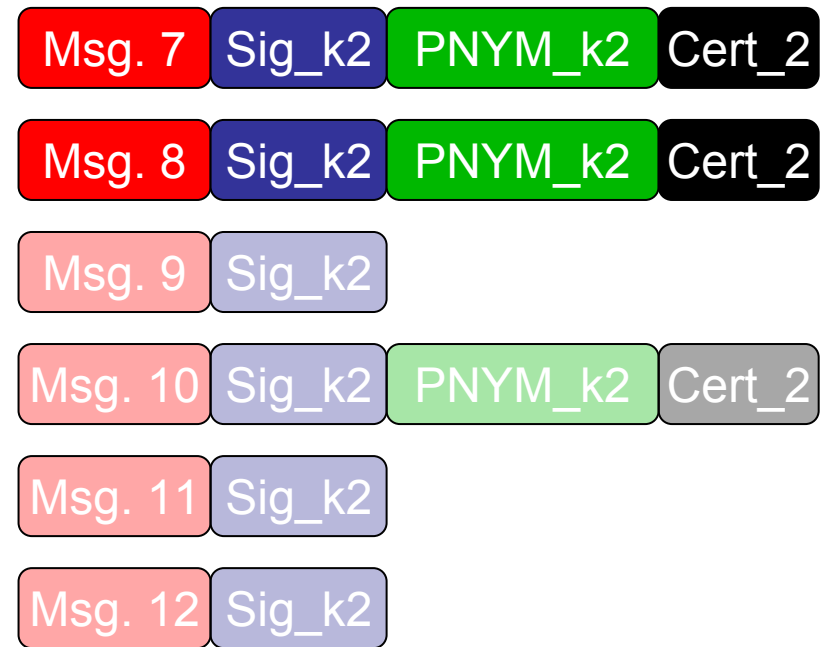
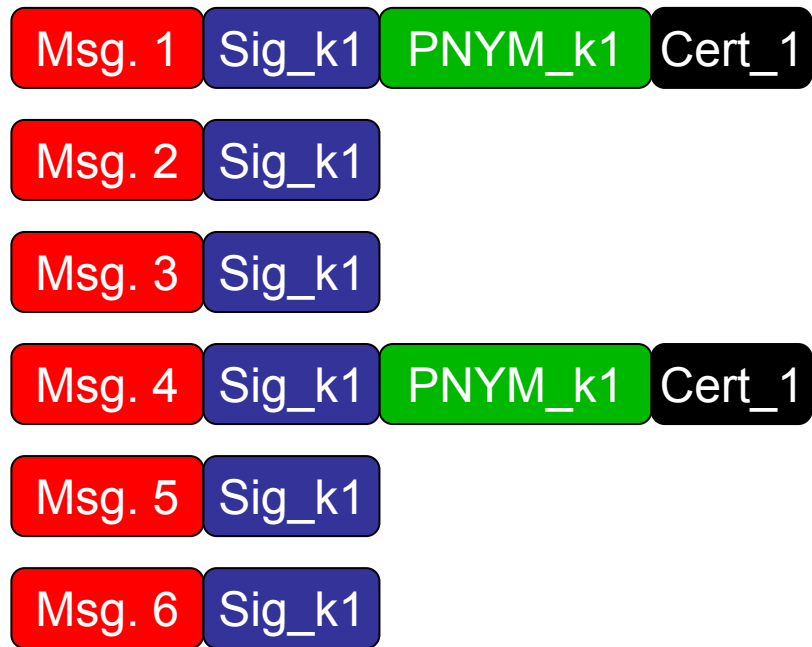


Vehicle PNYM\_k2  
is valid



Time

# Reducing SVC cost - Optimization (3)



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## Reducing SVC cost - recap

1. Certify and validate a pseudonym once during its lifetime
2. Append the certificate once every  $\alpha$  messages
  - $\alpha = \textit{certificate period}$
3. When a new pseudonym is issued, transmit the certificate for  $p$  consecutive messages
  - $\beta = \textit{push period}$

# Pseudonymous authentication (cont'd)

- Managing a pseudonymous authentication system is cumbersome
  - Preload large numbers of pseudonyms or obtain them on-the-fly
    - Costly computations at the side of the pseudonym provider
    - Costly wireless communication to obtain pseudonyms
  - Need reliable access to the pseudonym provider
- Solution: On-board generation of pseudonyms

# Group signatures

Group A

Group member  
signing keys



Group A  
public key



Valid signature from a  
legitimate member of  
Group A  
??? *Member* ???



**gsk\_1**



**gsk\_2**



**gsk\_3**

# Hybrid scheme

- Combine
  - Pseudonymous authentication (Baseline Pseudonym (BP) approach) and
  - Group Signatures (GS)
- All legitimate vehicles belong to the same group
- Each node is equipped with a secret *group signing key* and the *group public key*

G. Calandriello, P. P., A. Lloy, and J.-P. Hubaux, "[Efficient and Robust Pseudonymous Authentication in VANET](#)," ACM VANET 2007

## Hybrid scheme (cont'd)

- Each node
  - Generates its own pseudonyms and signs them with a Group Signature
    - GS act as a self-generated certificate
  - Uses the private key corresponding to the pseudonym to sign messages
    - As in the baseline approach
  - Appends the self-generated certificate
    - As in the baseline approach

## Hybrid scheme (cont'd)

- Message formats

Baseline (BP)

$m$	$\sigma_{k_V^i}(m)$	$K_V^i$	$Cert_{CA}(K_V^i)$
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Group  
Signature (GS)

$m$	$\Sigma_{CA,V}(m)$
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Hybrid

$m$	$\sigma_{k_V^i}(m)$	$K_V^i$	$\Sigma_{CA}^H(K_V^i)$
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# Evaluation

- Setup
  - EC-DSA as basic signature algorithm
  - Group Signatures as proposed in: D. Boneh and H. Shacham, Group Signatures with verifier-local revocation, ACM CCS 2004
  - Security level of 80 bits for message signatures and 128 bits for certificates
- Benchmarks
  - Reference CPU: 1.5 GHz Centrino
  - OpenSSL for EC-DSA
  - Group Signatures implementation not available
    - Calculated the number of 32-bit word multiplications required for GS and benchmarked the multiplication operation

# Cryptographic cost

Signature Scheme	Sign (sec)	Verify (sec)	Sig. size (bytes)	Pub. key (bytes)	Priv. key (bytes)
EC-DSA	8e-4	4.2e-3	64	33	32
GS	5.37e-2	4.93e-2	225	800	64

# Computation cost

- Processing delay computed over one pseudonym lifetime  $\tau = 60$  sec
- Optimization 1 in place for Hybrid

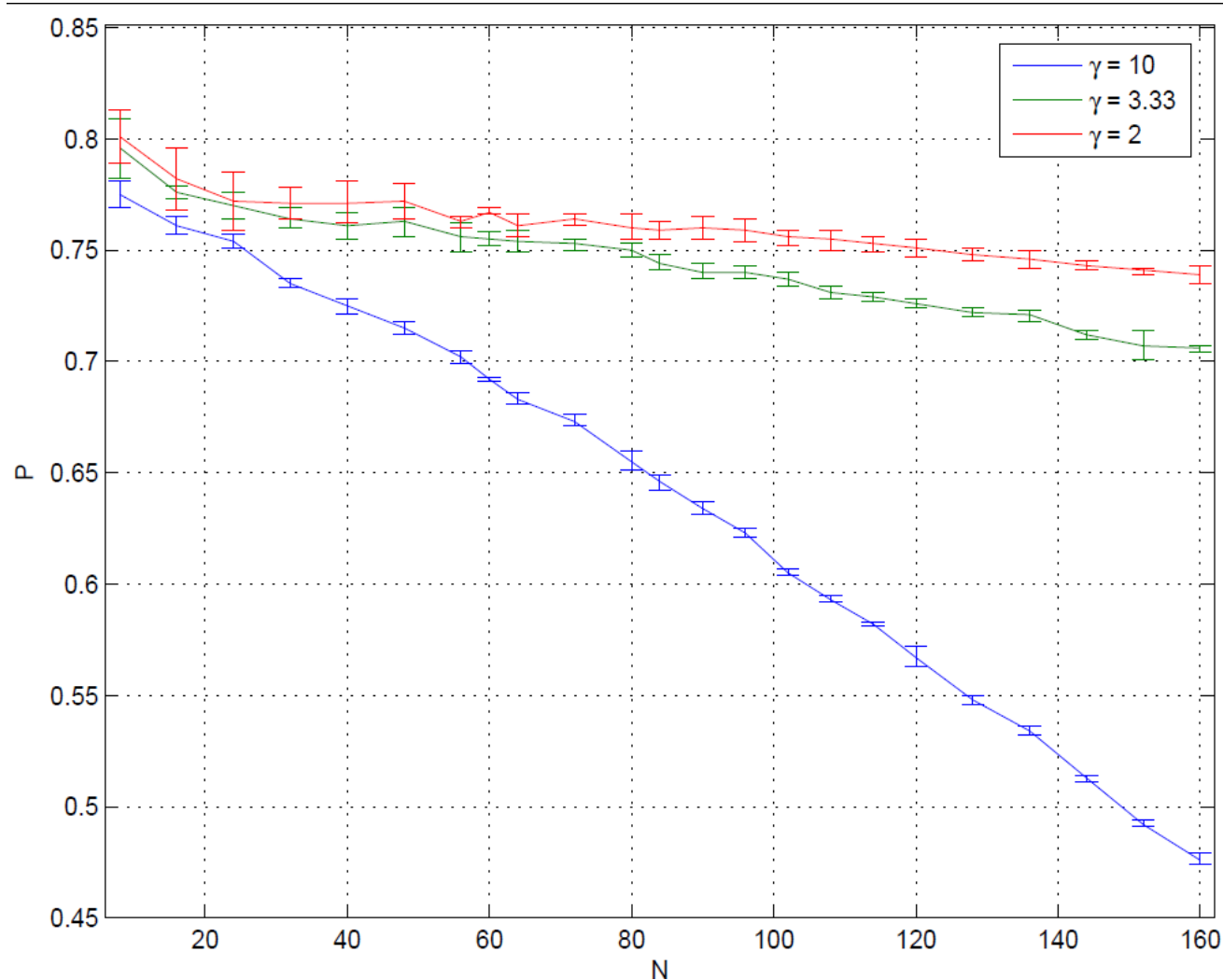
Scheme	Sign (sec)	Verify (sec)	Overhead (bytes)
BP	5e-4	3e-3	137
GS	1.78e-2	1.56e-2	225
Hybrid	5.9e-4	3.1e-3	298

# Communication Overhead

- Optimization 2 in place
- GS has a constant overhead of 225 bytes
- Values below in bytes

$\alpha$ (msg) Scheme	1	5	10	15
BP	141	70	61	58
Hybrid	302	102	77	69

# Communication overhead (cont'd)



Communication reliability ( $P$ ) as a function of the neighborhood size ( $N$ );  $\gamma$ : beaoning rate

# Processing power

- Time divided into *slots*
  - 1 slot = 100 ms
- Vehicles generate 1 beacon per slot
- 8 lanes
  - 160 neighbors for a given receiver R
  - 80 of interest
- Hybrid security scheme with optimizations
- How many verifications per slot?

## Processing power (cont'd)

	Sign (ms)	Verify (ms)	Overhead (bytes)
BP <i>LONG</i>	1.3	7.2	141
Hybrid <i>LONG</i>	54.2	52.3	302
<i>SHORT</i>	0.5	3	48

G. Calandriello, P. P., J.-P. Hubaux, A. Liroy, Efficient and Robust Pseudonymous Authentication in VANET, VANET 2007

D. Boneh, H. Shacham, Group Signatures with verifier-local Revocation, CCS 2004

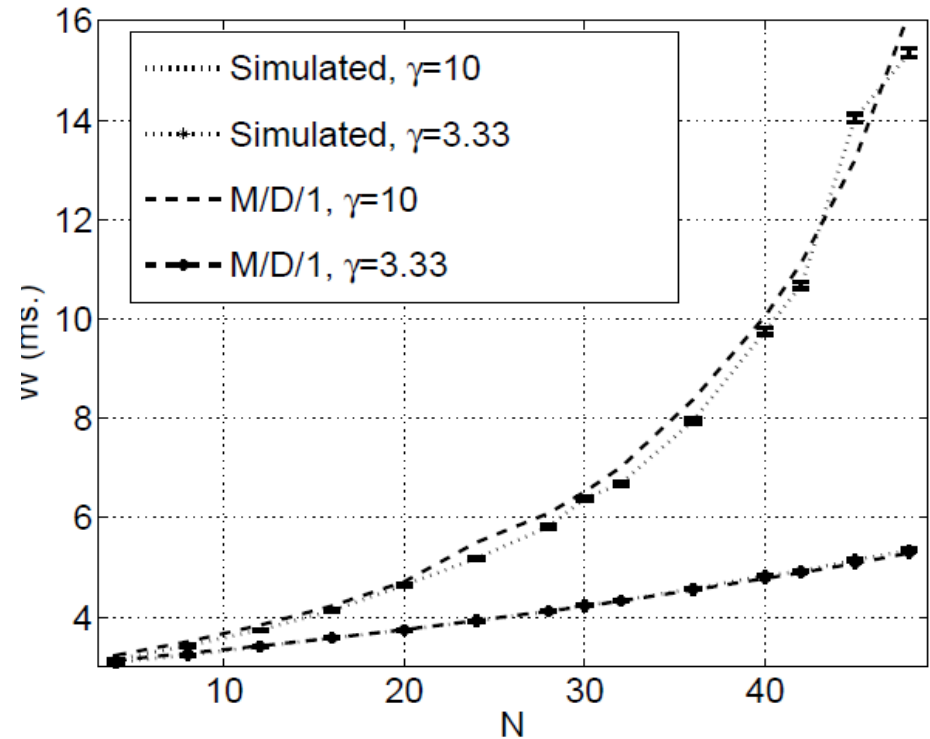
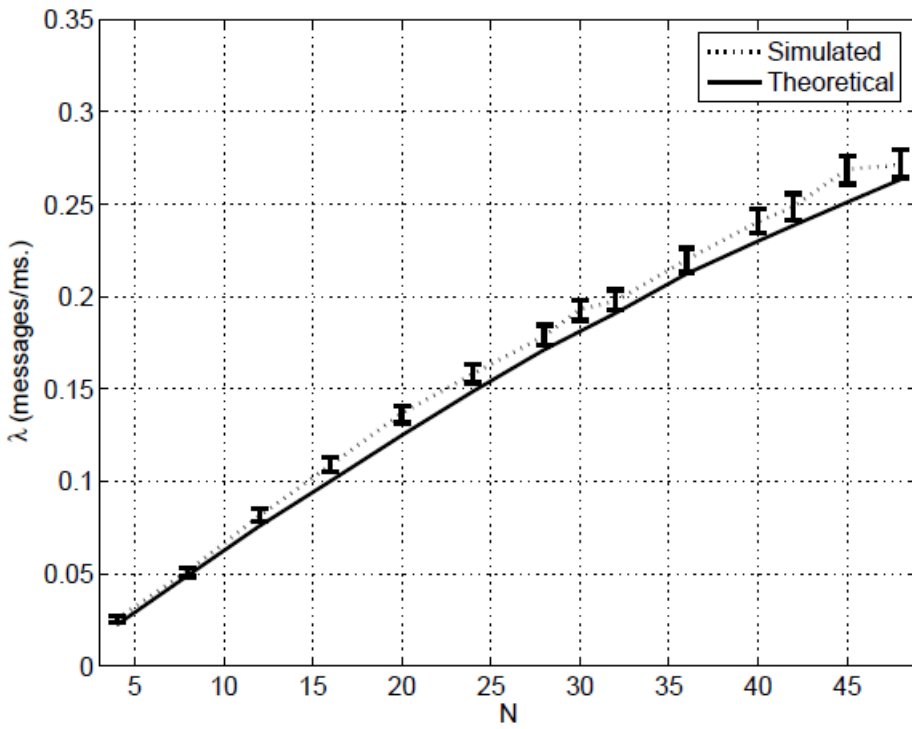
IEEE 1363a – IEEE standard specifications for public-key cryptography, 2004

## Processing power (cont'd)

	Packets per 100 ms
BP <i>LONG</i>	13.9
Hybrid <i>LONG</i>	1.9
<i>SHORT</i>	33.3

- Use of pure GS is not feasible
- Hybrid scheme
  - One LONG message per vehicle and per pseudonym lifetime
  - SHORT packets are the dominant factor
- System is at the limit of stability

# Processing power (cont'd)



## 2-class M/D/1 queue

$$W_i = t_i + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i t_i^2}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^r \rho_i \text{ and } \rho_i = \lambda_i t_i$$

Message verification delay, for short packets;  $\alpha = 10$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $\tau = 60$ ; HP scheme;  $\lambda$  for the same setup and for  $\gamma = 10$  beacons/sec

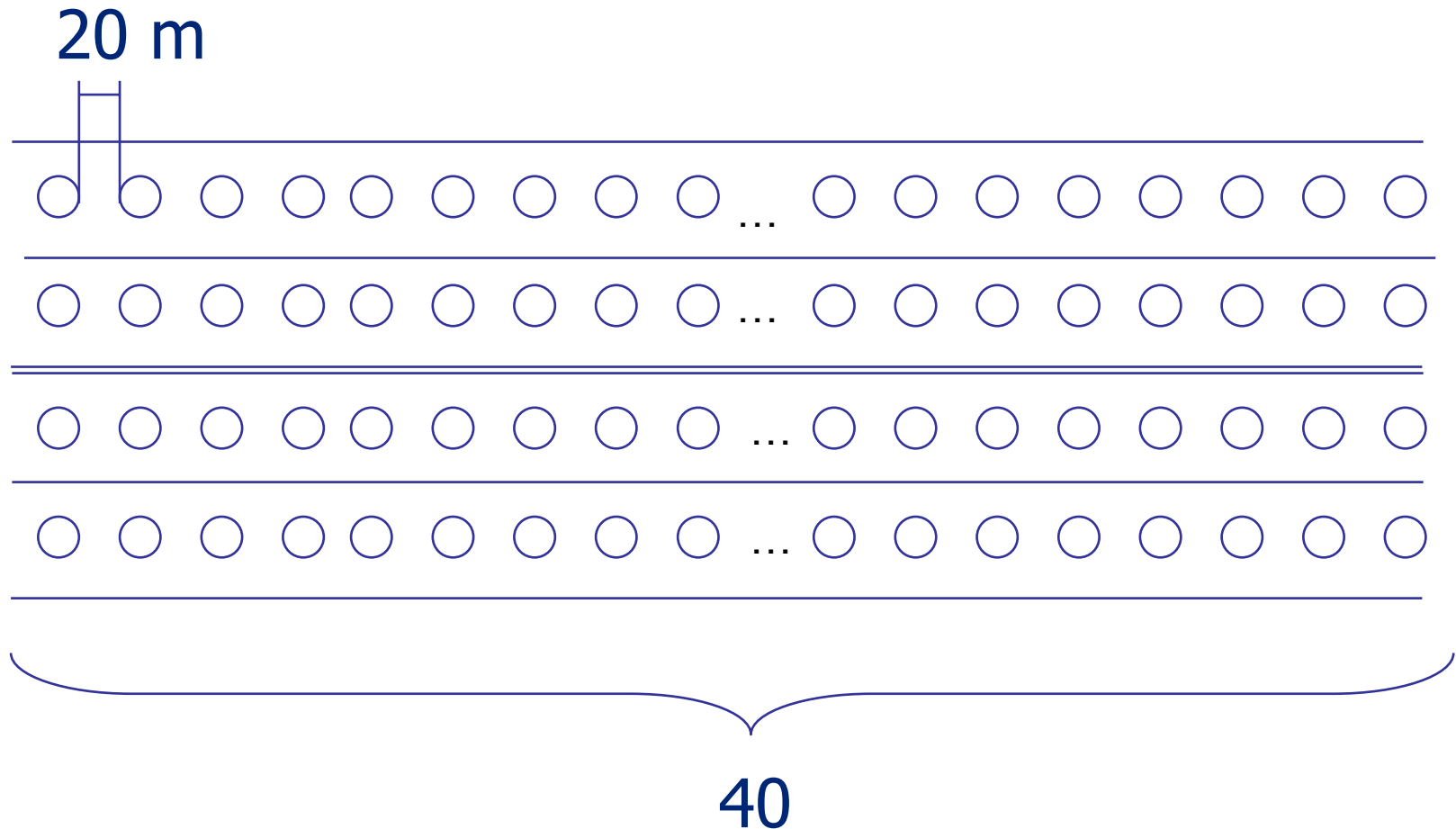
# SVC and transportation safety

- Emergency braking
- Platoon on 100 cars on one lane
  - Average spacing: 20 m
  - Average speed: 80 Km/h
  - Wet road
    - Braking capability: 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>
  - Driver reaction 0.75 – 1.5 s
  - Pseudonym lifetime 60 s
  - Emergency event at the head after 60 s
  - No lane change

P. P., G. Calandriello, A. Liroy, and J.-P. Hubaux, "[Impact of Vehicular Communication Security on Transportation Safety](#)," IEEE INFOCOM MOVE 2008

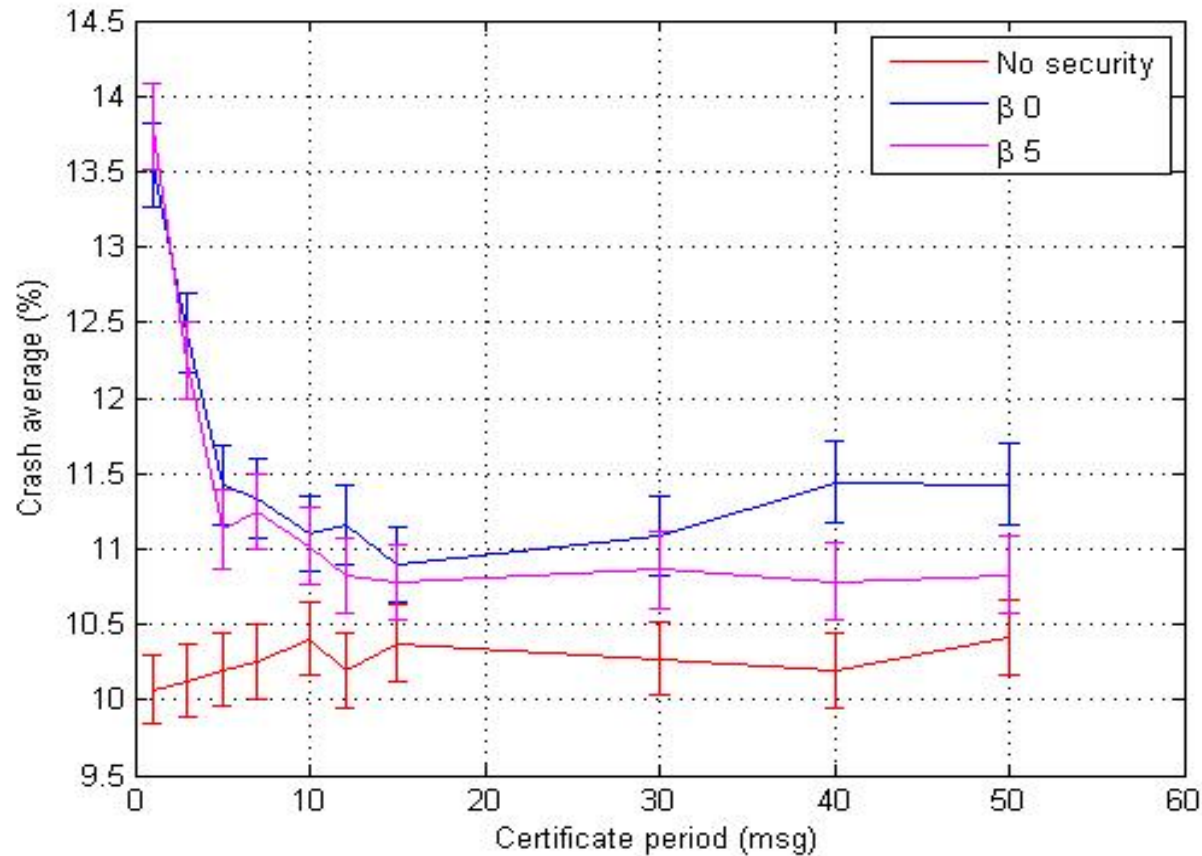
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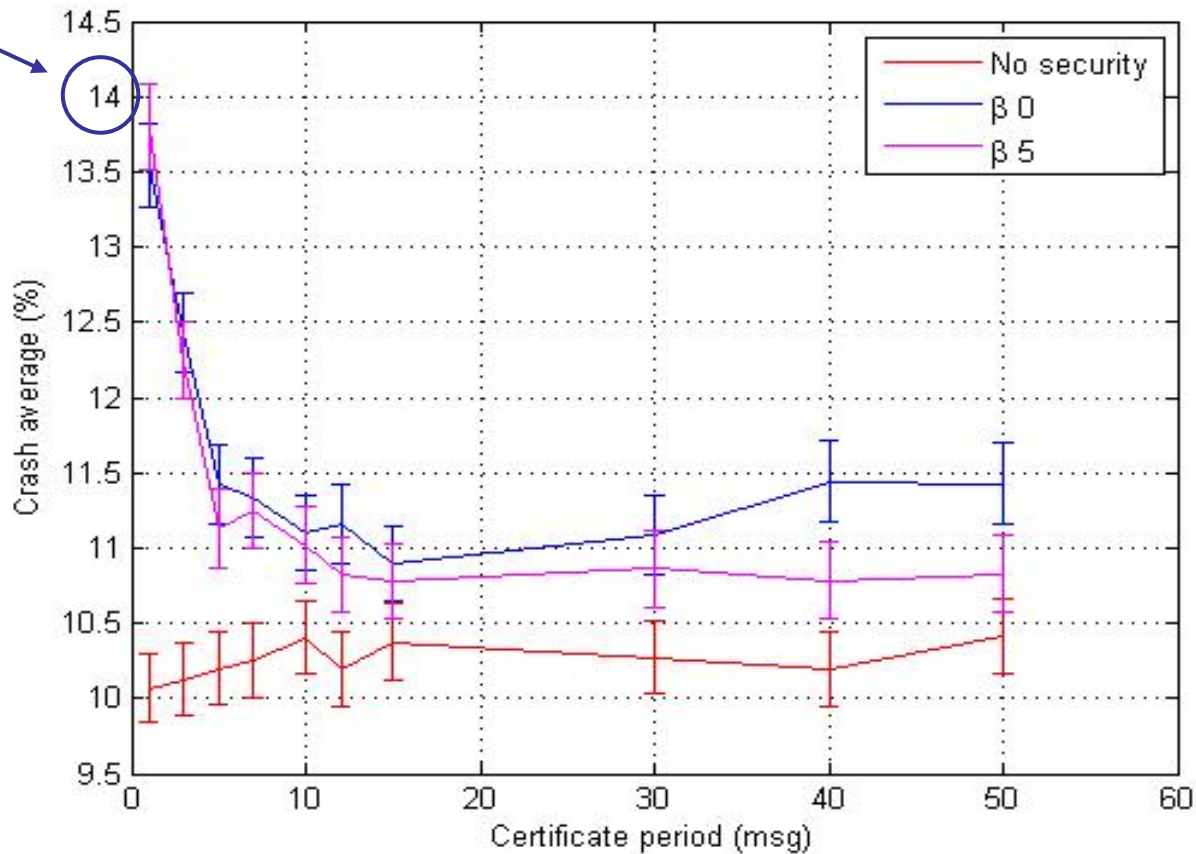
Intended transmission range = 200 m

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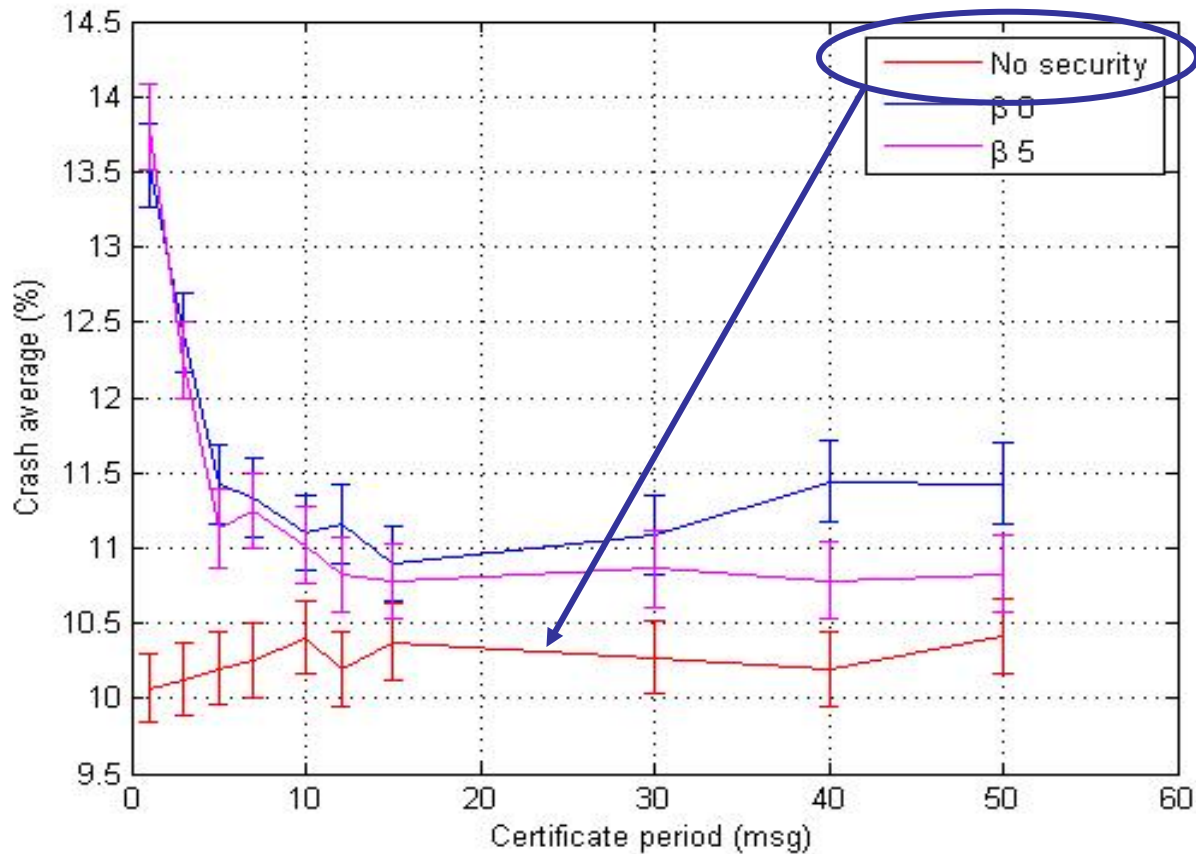
**Hybrid scheme, 8 lanes**

# SVC and transportation safety (cont'd)



Crash average is 80-100% without V2V communications

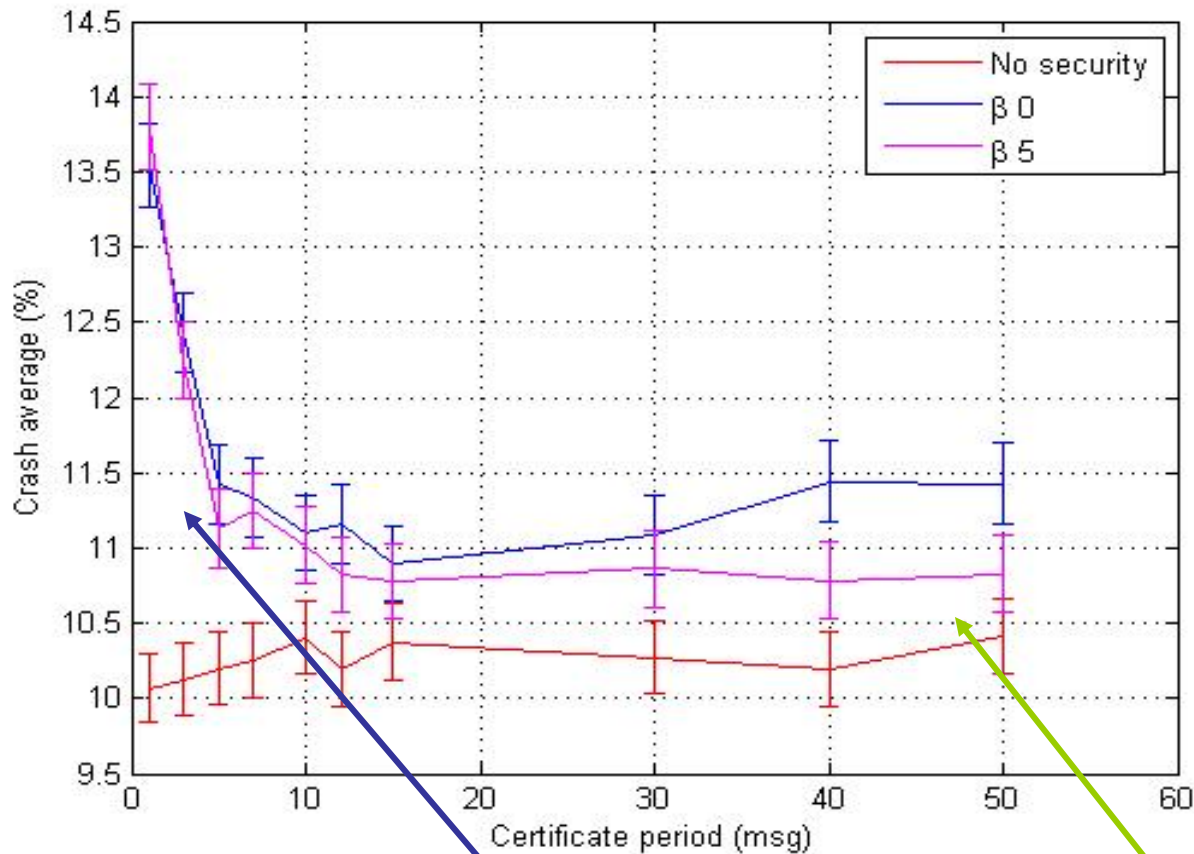
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Lowest network overhead

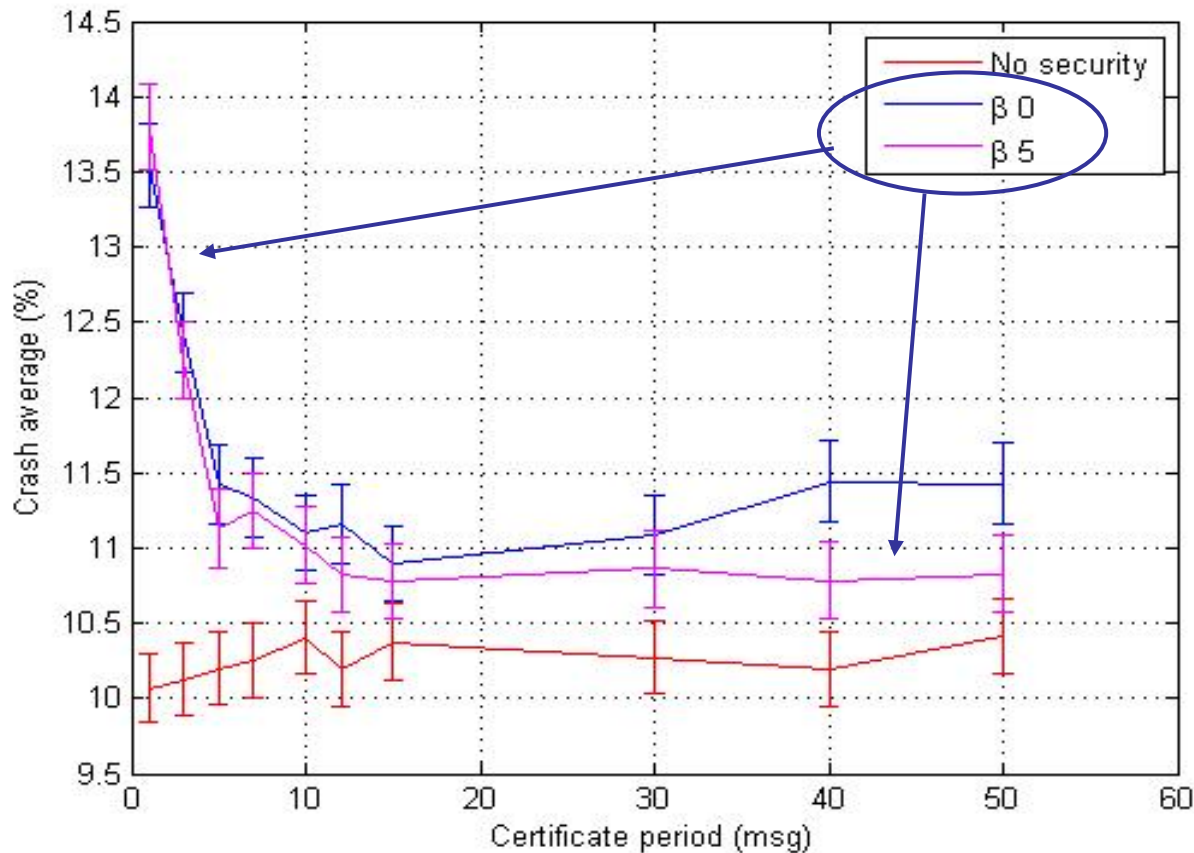
No restrictions on which messages can be validated

# SVC and transportation safety (cont'd)



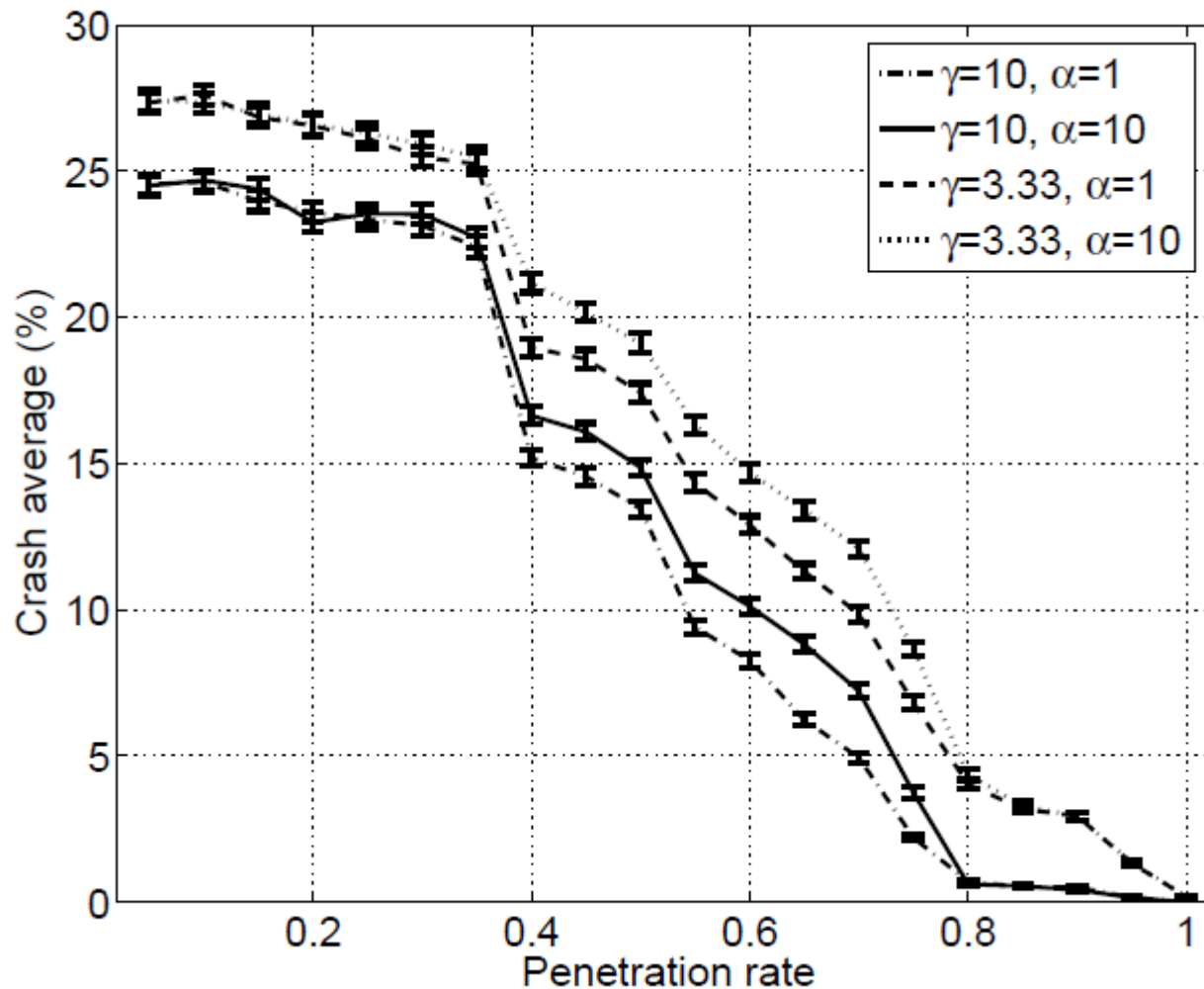
$\alpha$  influences **channel load** and **authentication delay**

# SVC and transportation safety (cont'd)



Pushing certificates at PNYM changes reduces authentication delay, especially for high values of  $\alpha$

# SVC and transportation safety (cont'd)



Penetration rate and effectiveness

## System building: Secure VC

- Field demonstration, Dudenhofen, October 2008, Car to Car Communication Consortium (C2C-CC)
- SeVeCom demonstrator

M. Gerlach, F. Friederici, P. Ardelean, and **P. P.**, "Security Demonstration," C2C-CC Forum and Demonstration, Dudenhofen, Germany, October 2008

P. Ardelean and **P. P.**, "Secure and Privacy-Enhancing Vehicular Communication," Demo, IEEE WiVeC, Calgary, AL, Canada, September 2008

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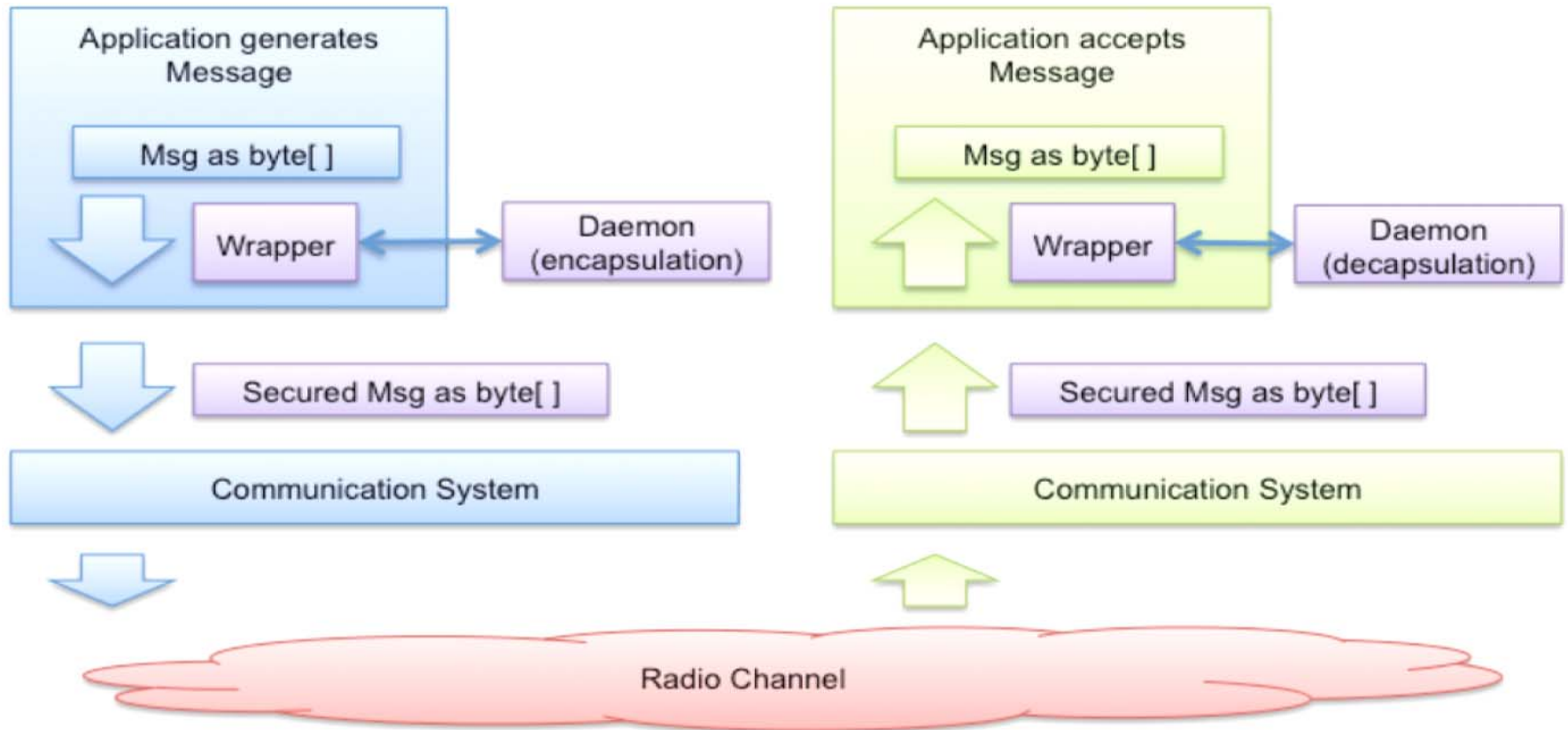


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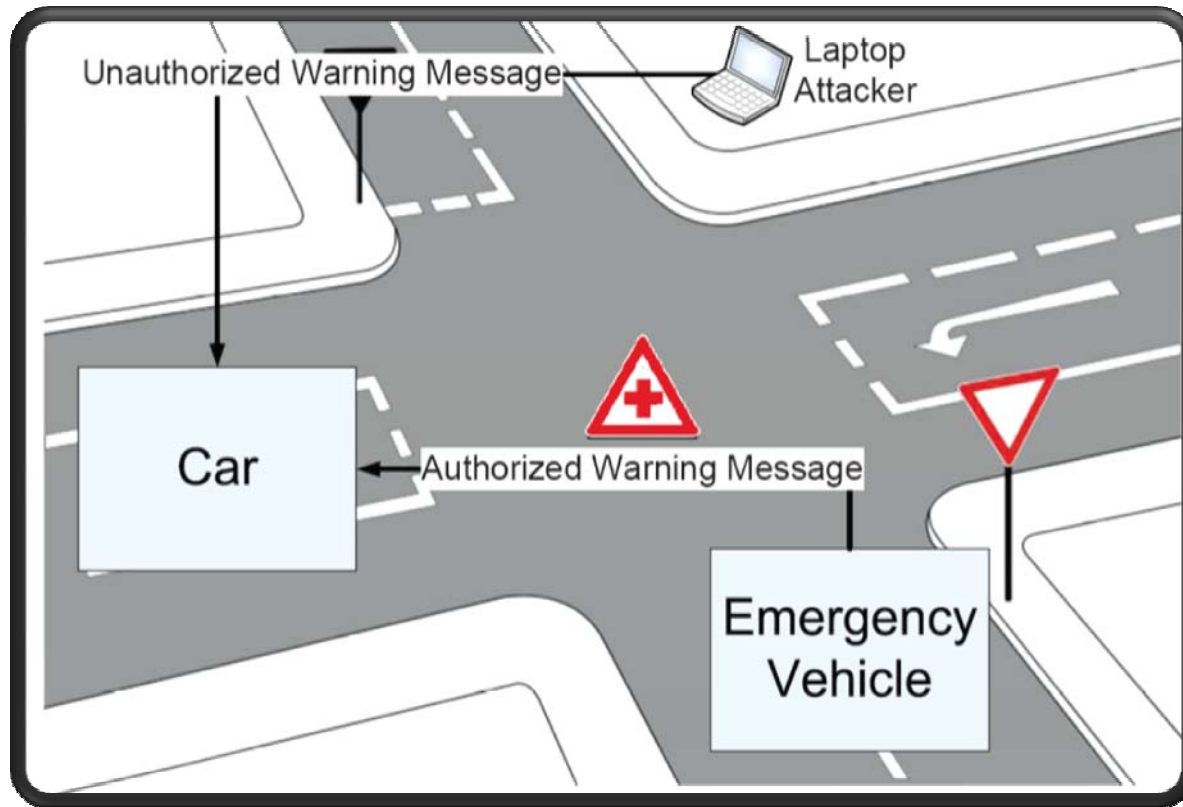


# System building: Secure VC (cont'd)

- Security SW for C2C-CC field demo



# System building: Secure VC (cont'd)



Laptop attacker

- Security use case: impersonation of an emergency vehicle

# Recap

- Addressed problems
  - Identity and key management
  - Secure communication
  - Privacy enhancing technologies
- Challenge: New important topics to address
- Response: Encouraging initial results

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# Standardization expectations

- SeVeCom
  - Detailed specification and system architecture
  - Integration of the SeVeCom system into the CVIS system
  - Influence of standardization activities
- IEEE 1609.2 Working Group
  - Part of a broader effort on VC protocols
  - Standardization effort
  - Focus: Vehicle to Infrastructure Communication, Security and Privacy Enhancing mechanisms

## Standardization expectations (cont'd)

- Car-to-Car Communication Consortium
  - Security Working Group
  - Security and privacy enhancing mechanisms for VC, in-car security
  - Contributions to and interactions with SeVeCom and ETSI
  - Preparation of architecture document ('white paper') – currently internal

## Standardization expectations (cont'd)

- ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute)
  - Efforts of various aspects of VC (e.g., PHY, MAC), ITS WG
  - Recently formed STF on security
- ISO-TC204 WG16, CALM
  - Standardized set of air interface protocols and parameters for medium and long range comm.
- eSafety eSecurity Working Group
  - Coordination
  - Collaboration with Article 29

# Conclusions

- Importance of security is broadly understood
- Multiple efforts are on-going
- Interoperability
- Standardization efforts have focused on a basic yet relatively small set of mechanisms
  - This is nonetheless positive, especially because security has come into the broader picture early
  - Most likely, standardization will cover few message formats, a certificate format

## Conclusions (cont'd)

- Broadening of the standardization efforts, to cover additional components of a security architecture for secure vehicular communication systems
  - Progressively easier
    - VC systems are getting more mature
    - Security schemes are being developed and evaluated
  - The need is increasingly understood
- Question marks
  - Coordination around the globe
  - Other pressing priorities in the industry