

Suitability of 3rd Round Signature Candidates for Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication

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Outline

- Introduction to **Secure** Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) Communication
- Presentation of Existing Testbed **V2Verifier**
- **Integration of PQ** Algorithms to V2Verifier and **Experimental Results**
- Analysis of **Dense Environments** on Testbed
- Stating of **Future Work**



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Introduction to V2V Communication

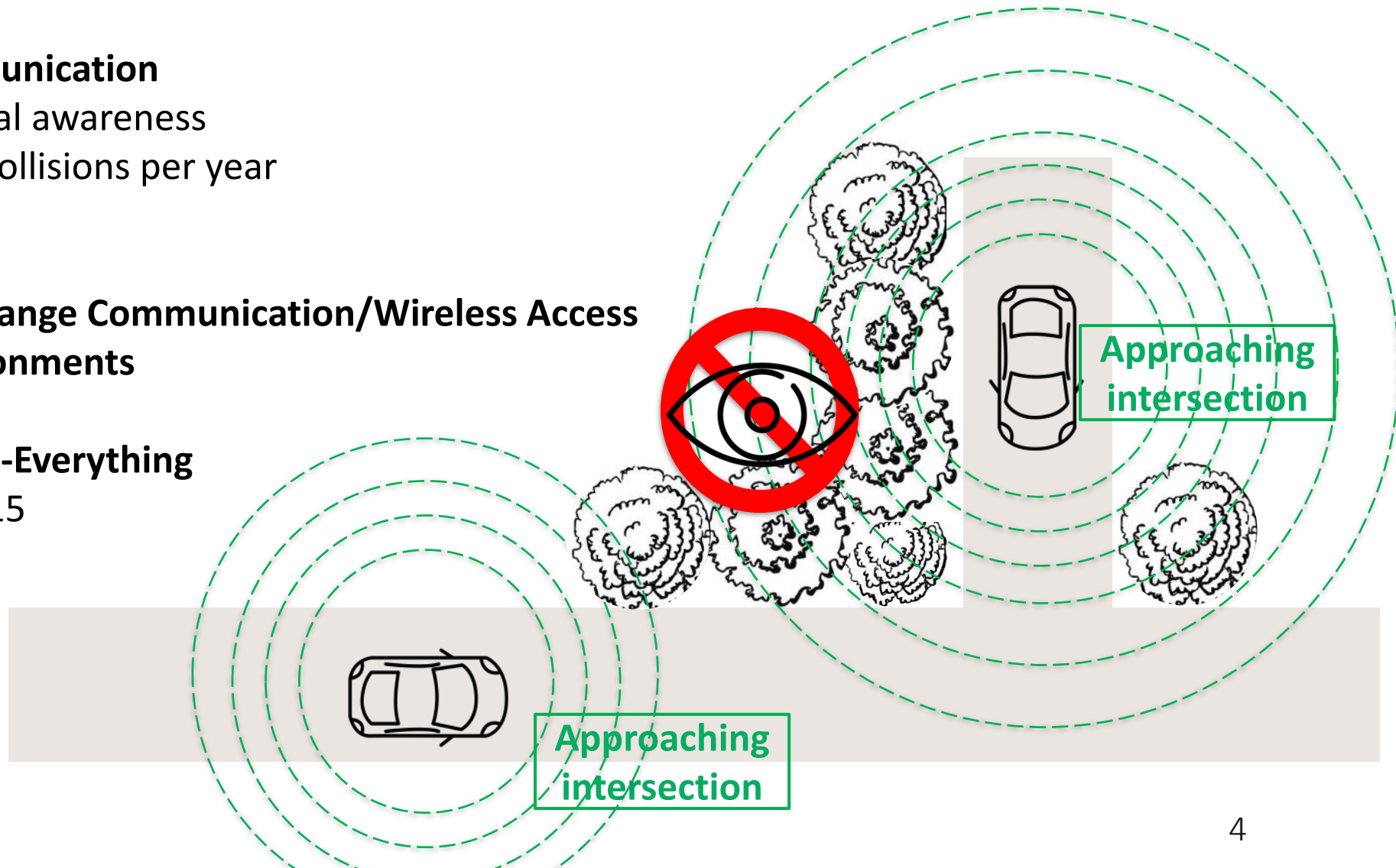
V2V Communication

Direct wireless communication

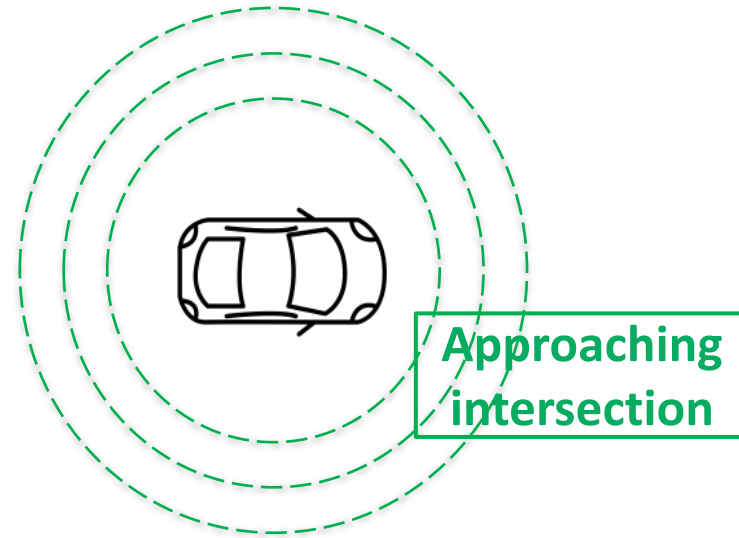
- Increases situational awareness
- Prevents 600,000 collisions per year

Described in

- **Dedicated Short Range Communication/Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments**
IEEE 802.11p
- **Cellular Vehicle-to-Everything**
3GPP Release 14/15

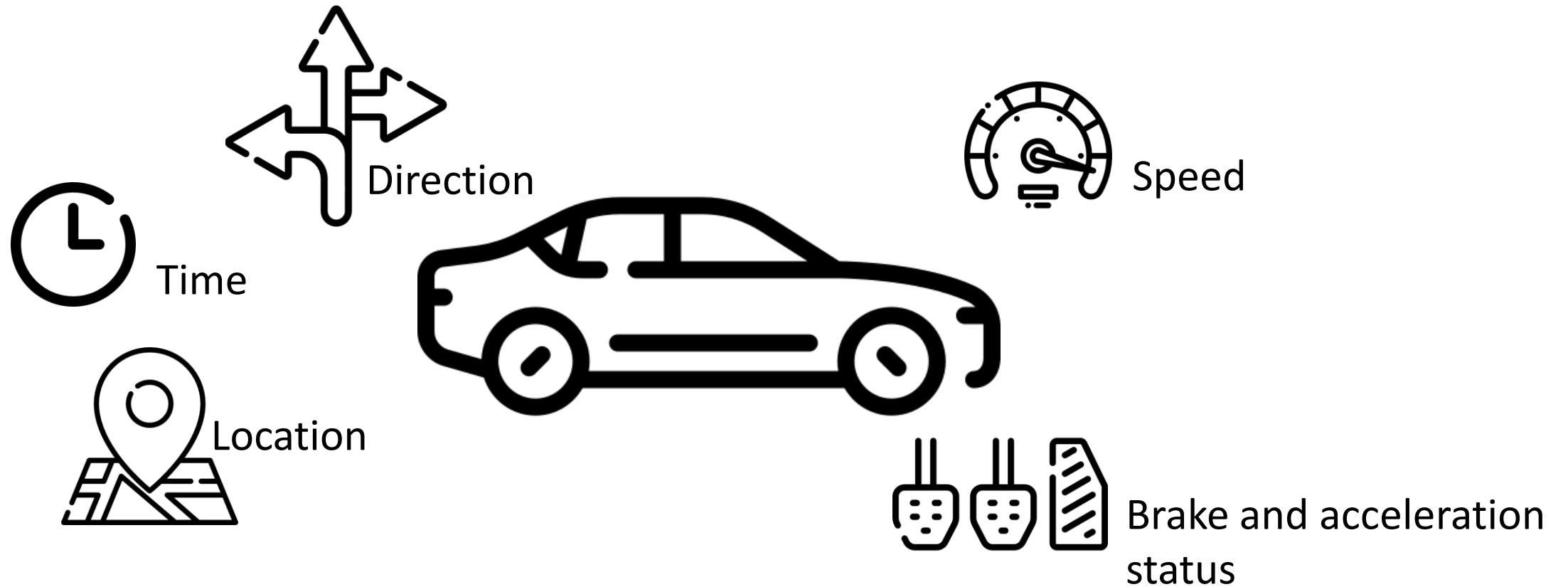


Basic Safety Messages (BSMs)



Every vehicle broadcasts 10 BSMs per second within transmission range

Information Collected in BSMs



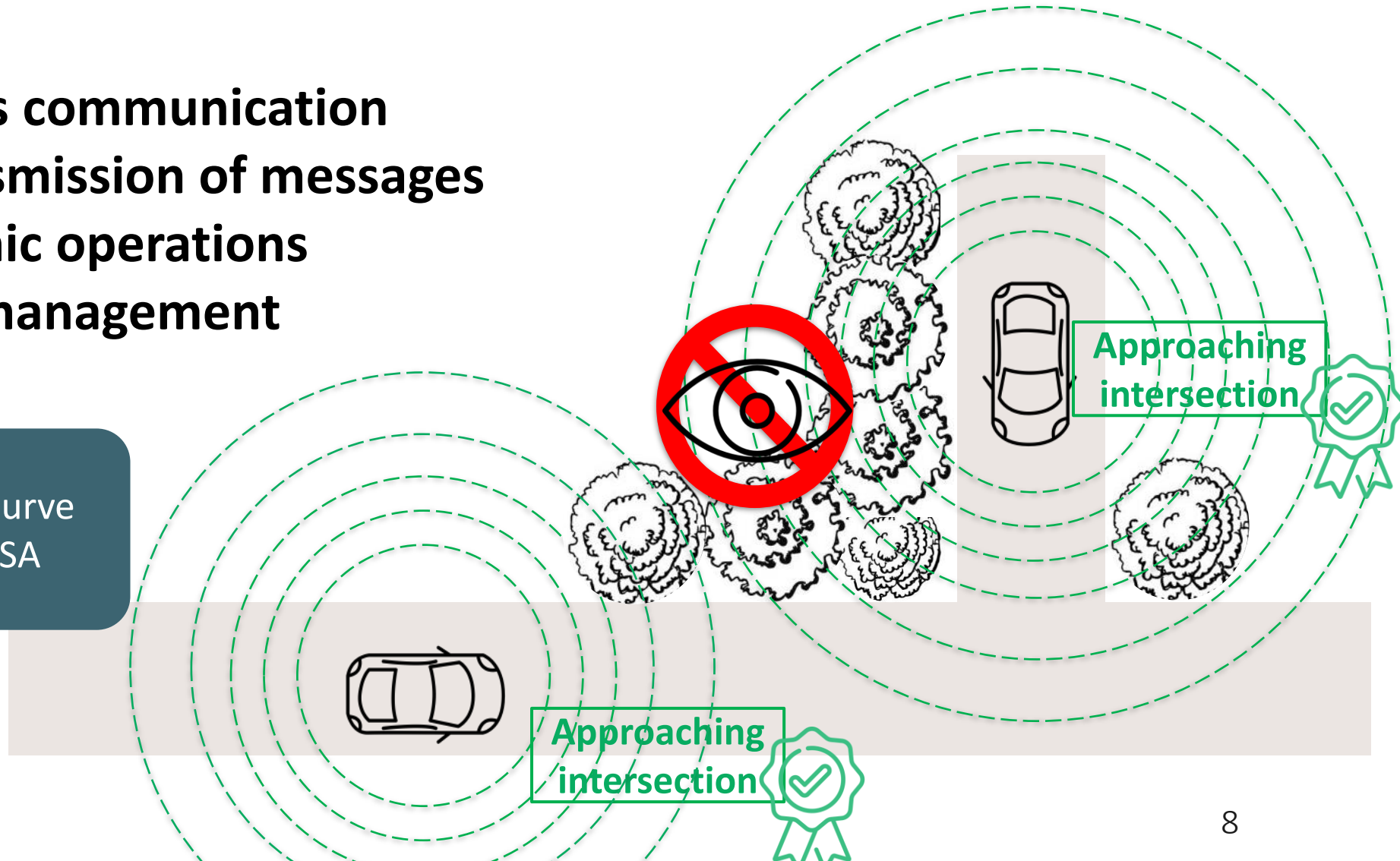
Introduction to **Secure** V2V Communication

IEEE 1609.2 Standard

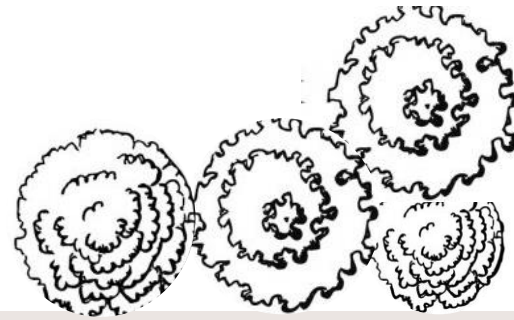
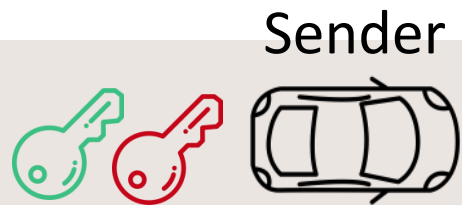
Secure wireless communication

- secure transmission of messages
- cryptographic operations
- certificate management

Based on elliptic curve
crypto, e.g. ECDSA

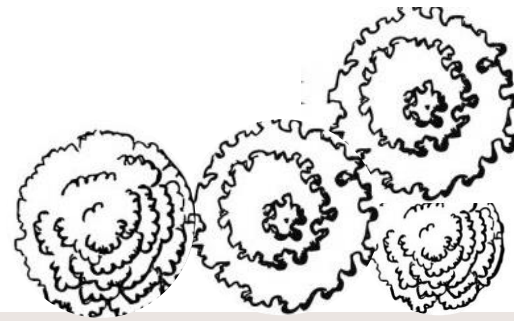
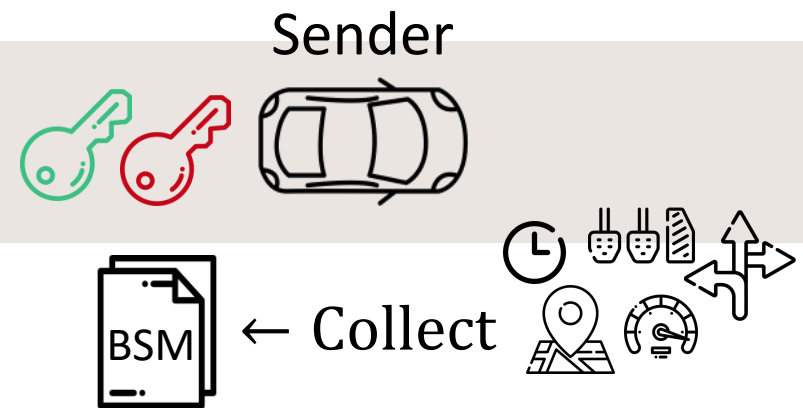


Secure BSM Exchange



Receiver

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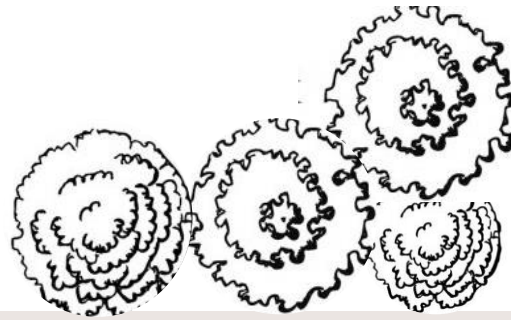


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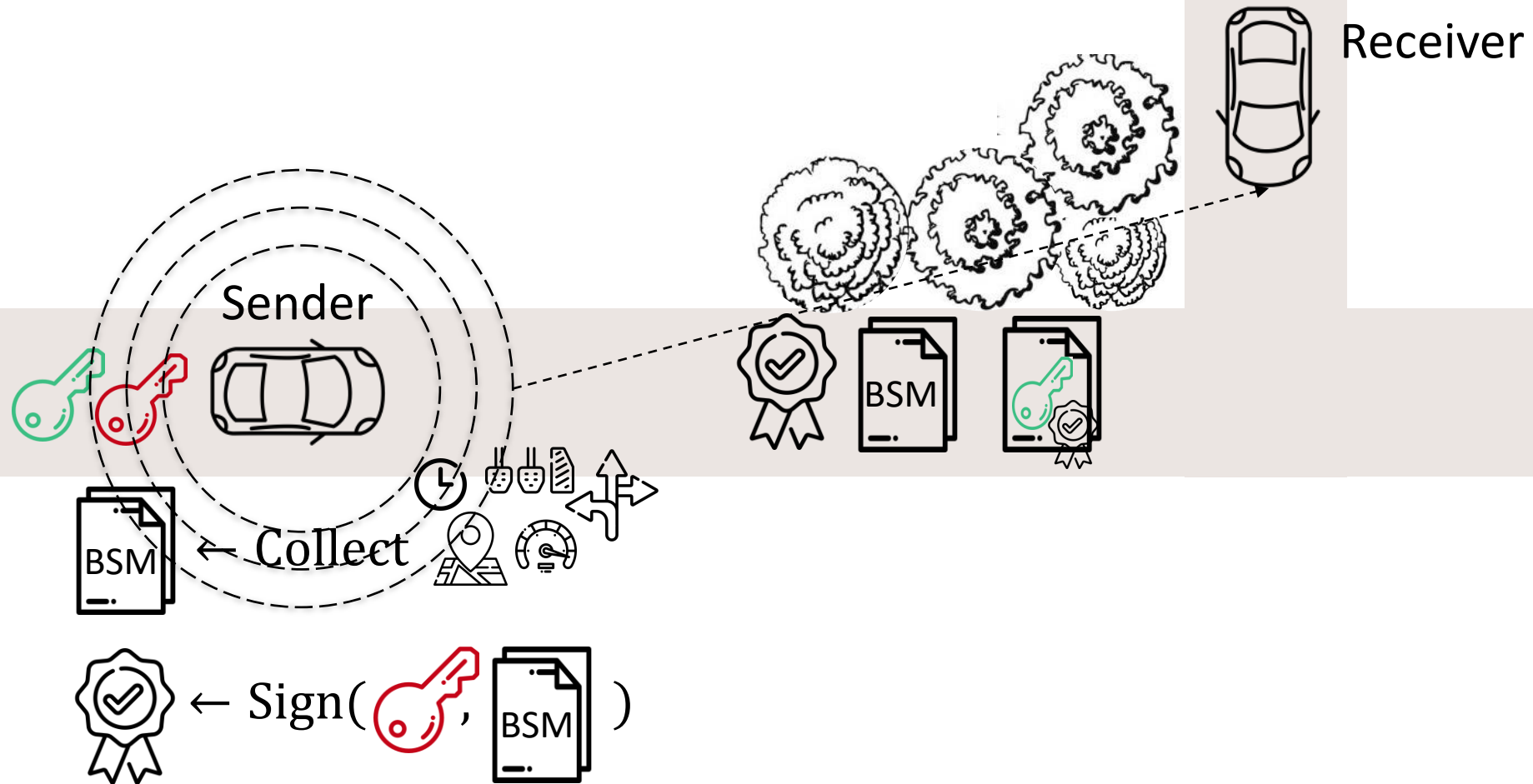


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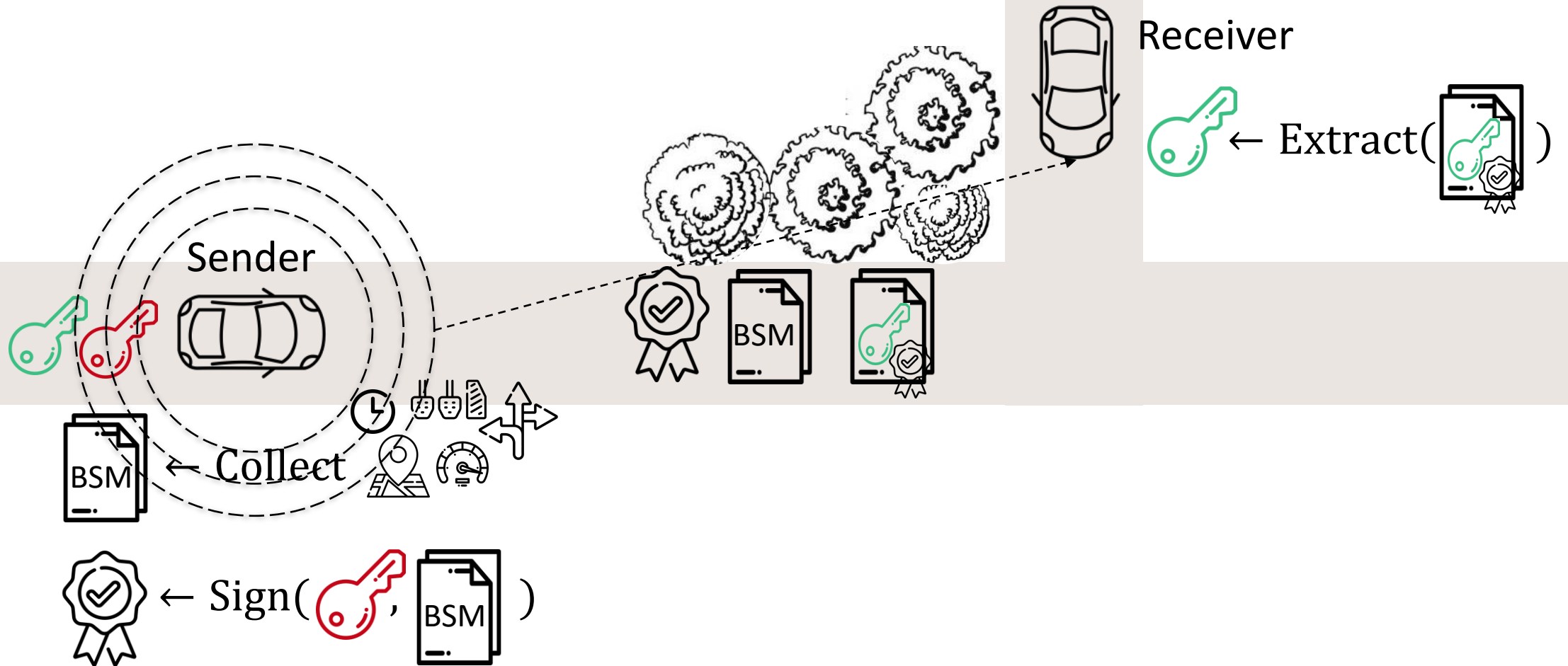


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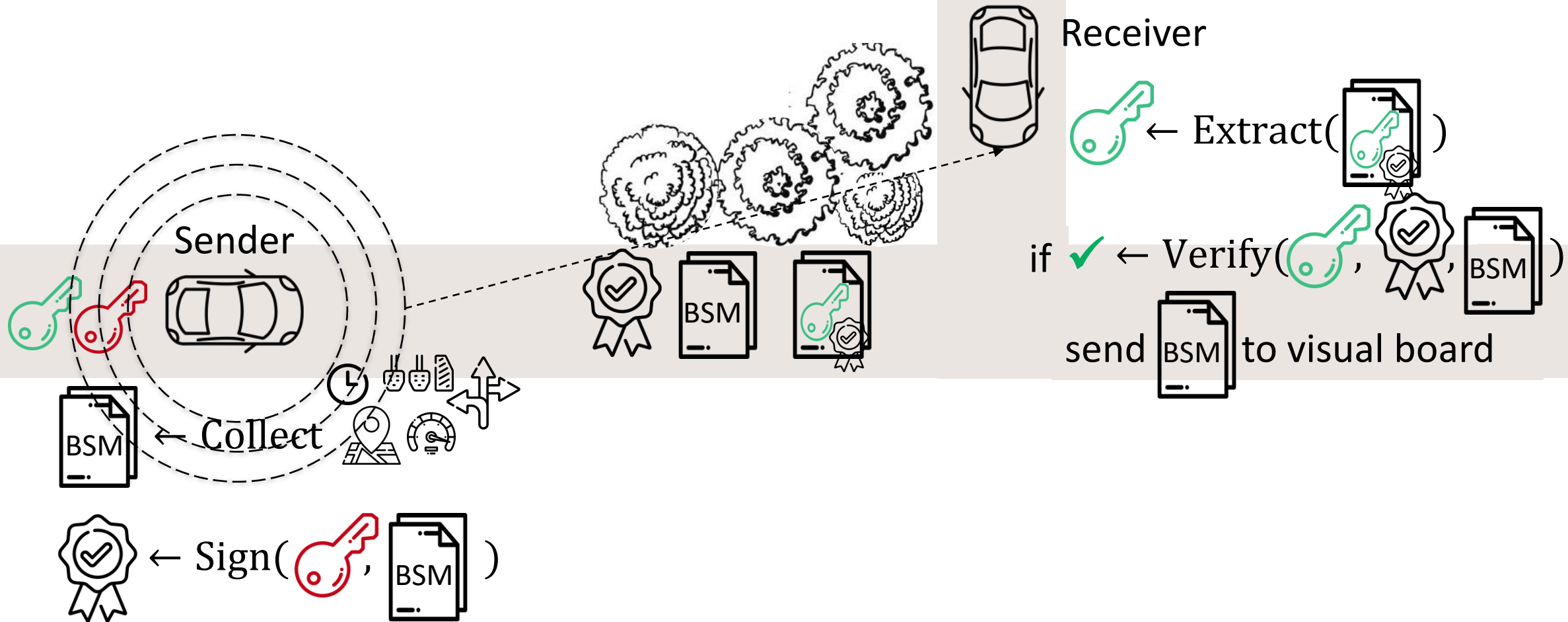
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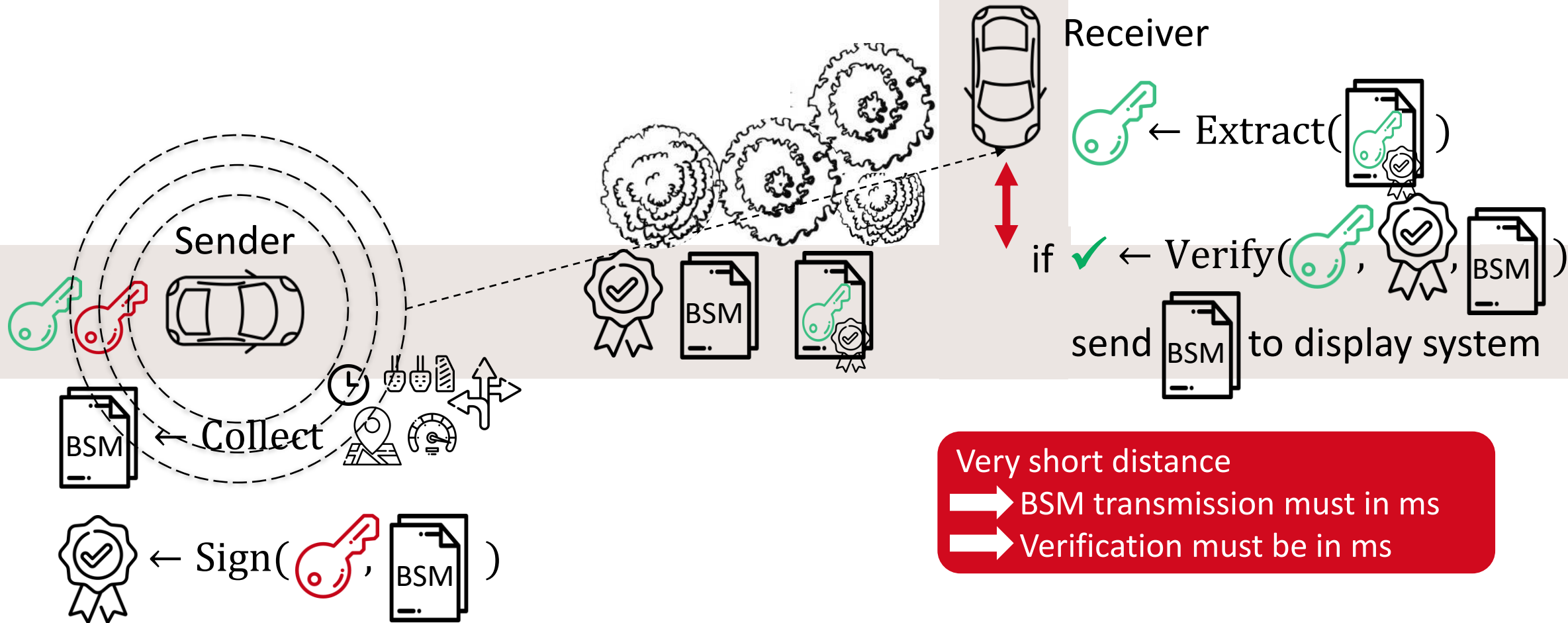
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| Testbed V2Verifier

V2VERIFIER

= wireless hardware testbed for secure V2V communication [TR21]

- Based on IEEE 1609.2
- Open-source
- Written in Python

➡ already used to find attacks and show effectiveness of mitigations [TPB+21]

[TR21] *Evaluating V2V Security on an SDR Testbed.* G. Twardokus, H. Rahbari. CNERT at IEEE INFOCOM 2021.

[TPB+21] *Targeted Discreditation Attack against Trust Management in Connected Vehicles.* G. Twardokus, J. Ponicki, S. Baker, P. Carezzo, H. Rahbari, S. Mishra. ICC 2021.

Laptop or Raspberry Pi
to sign and verify BSMs

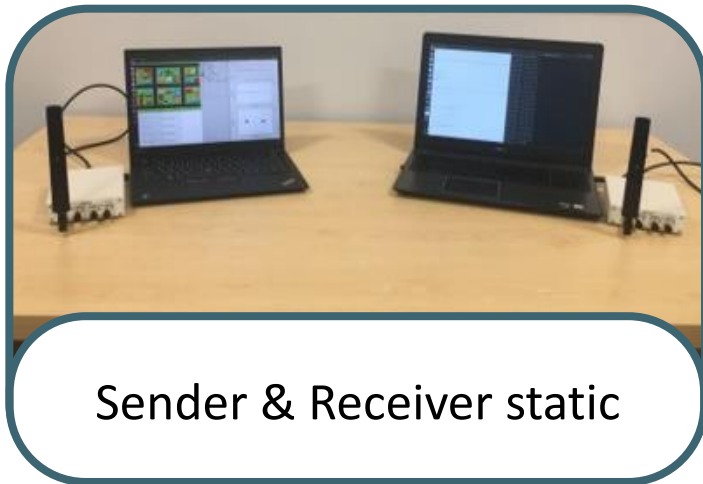
Emulates
one car



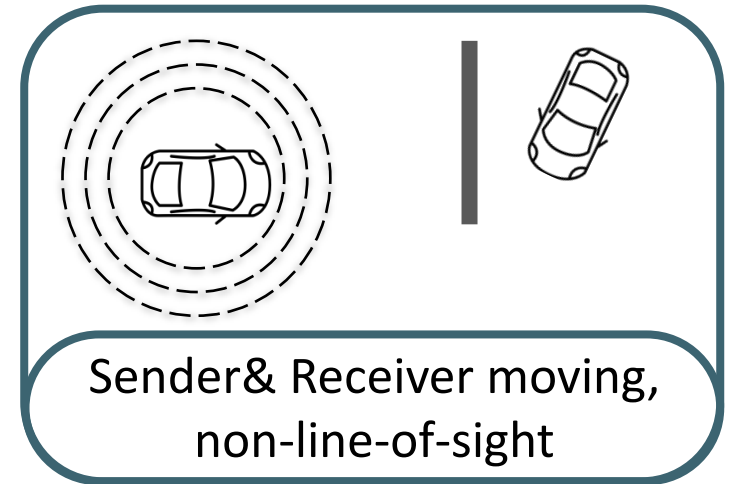
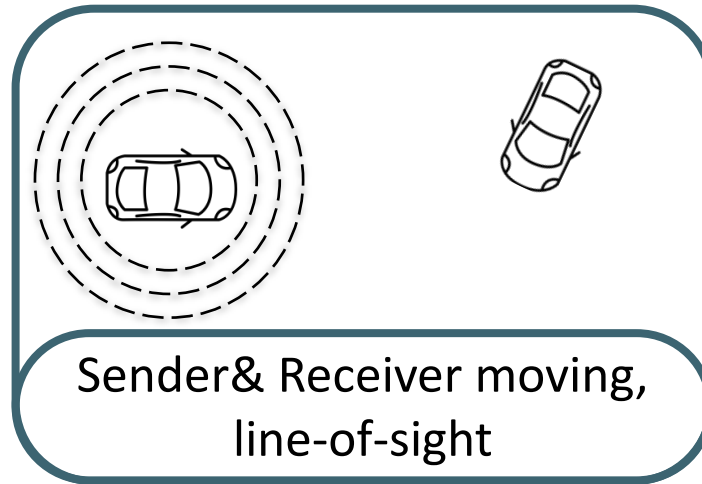
At least 2 meters apart
during experiments

Software-defined radio (SDR)
to send and receive signals

Considered Test Scenarios



Distance: at least 2 meters
Speed: 0 km/h



Distance: 2 - 300 meters
Speed: 0 - 50 km/h

Post-Quantum V2Verifier

Efficiency of Selected Schemes

Size (byte)

Algorithm	PK	Signature
ECDSA P-256	64	64
Dilithium-II	1 312	2 420
Falcon-512	897	666
Rainbow-I	157 800	66

Danger of BSM loss?
Issue in jammed intersections?

Cycle counts (k-cycles)

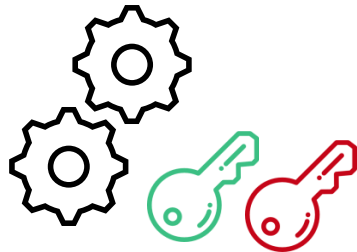
Sign	Verify
201	398
202	73
831	141
4684	4913

Disadvantage due to slower sign?

Benefit due to faster verify?

PQ EXTENSION OF V2VERIFIER

Integration of PQ signatures in V2Verifier is performed using liboqs implementations



Key generation called on demand



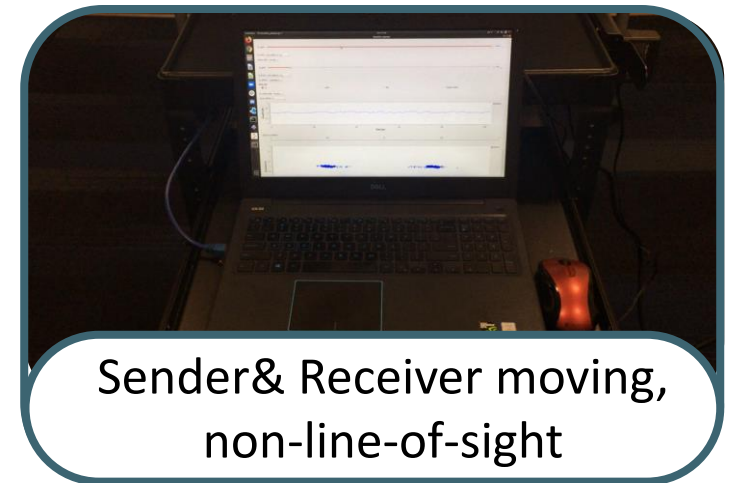
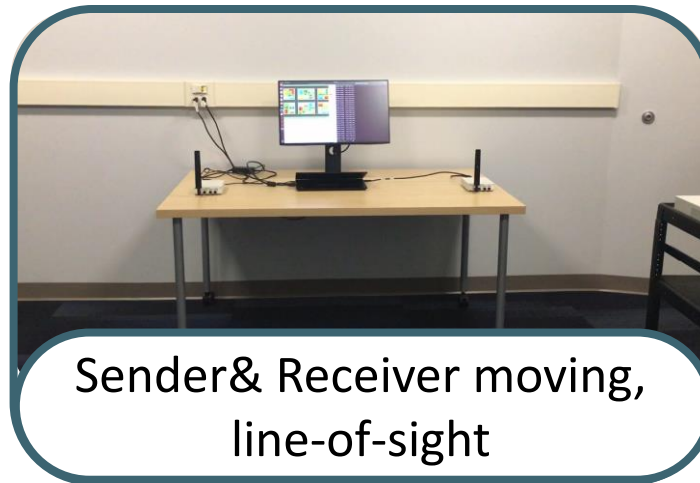
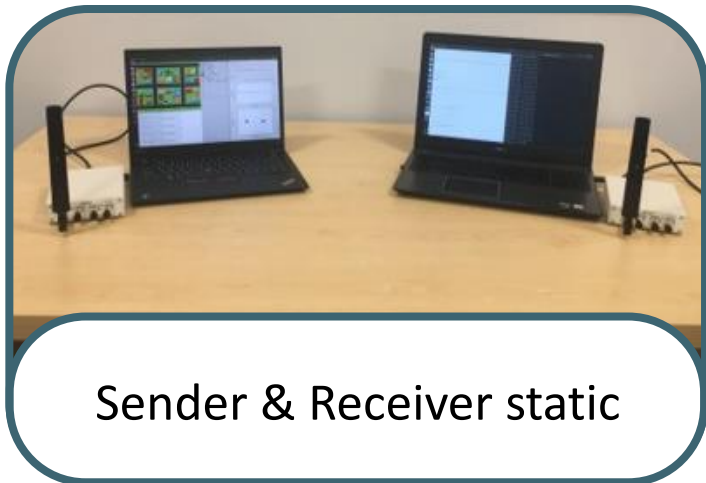
Signing is called from liboqs using Python bindings



Signature is extracted and passed to liboqs verify function

Experimental Results and Comparison

Considered Test Scenarios



Future work: test real environment with moving cars

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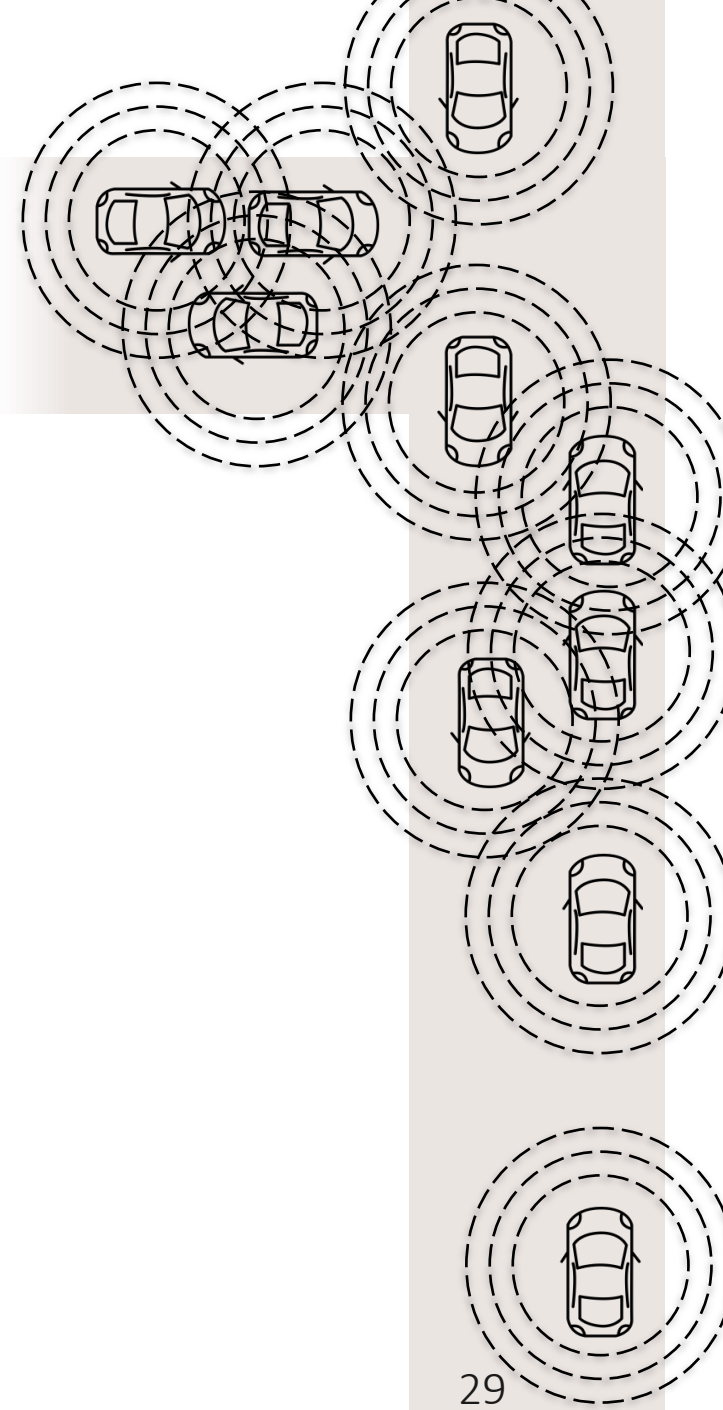
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Analysis of Dense Environments

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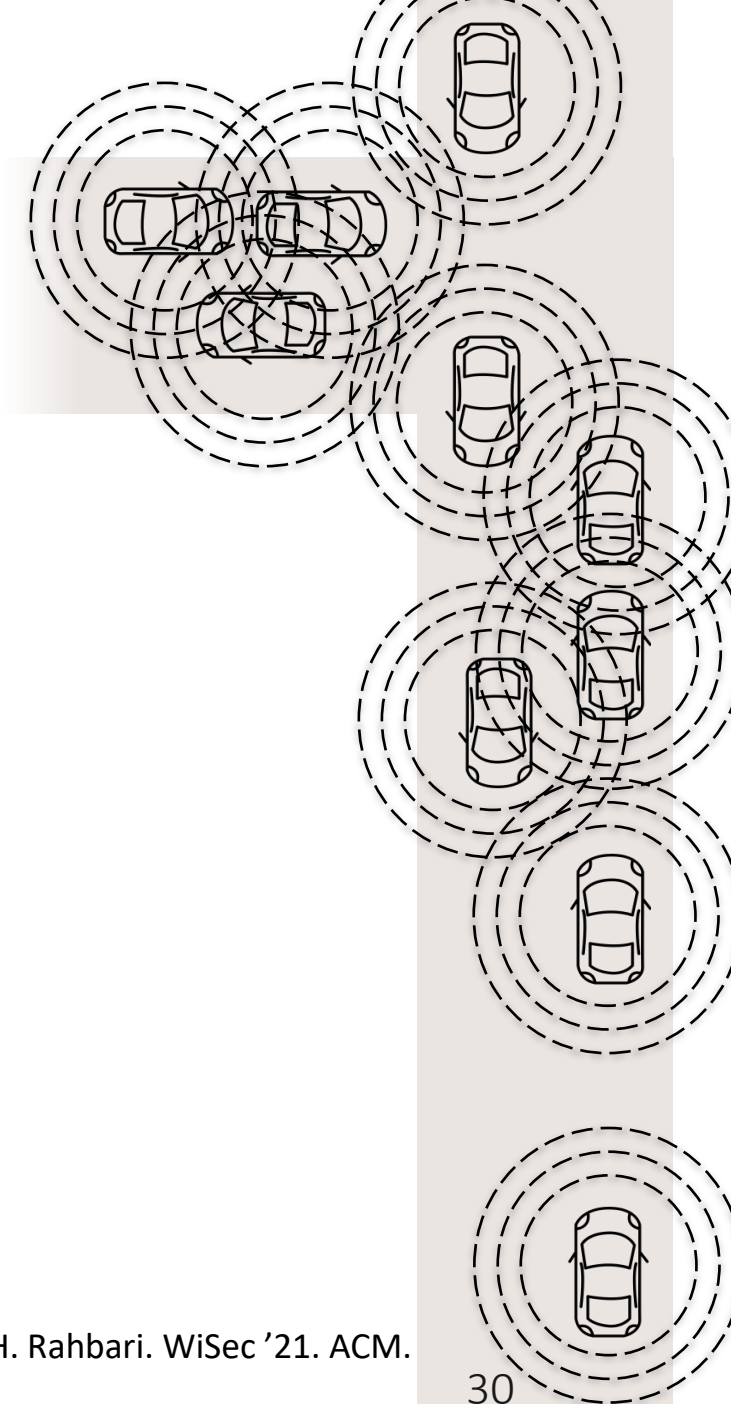
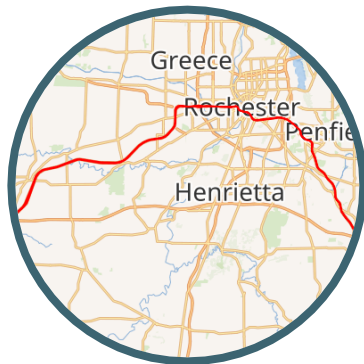
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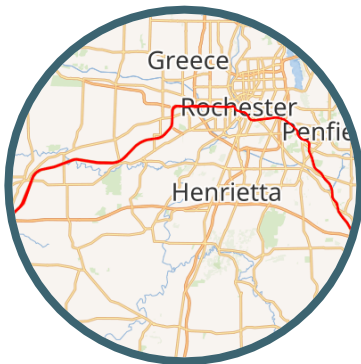
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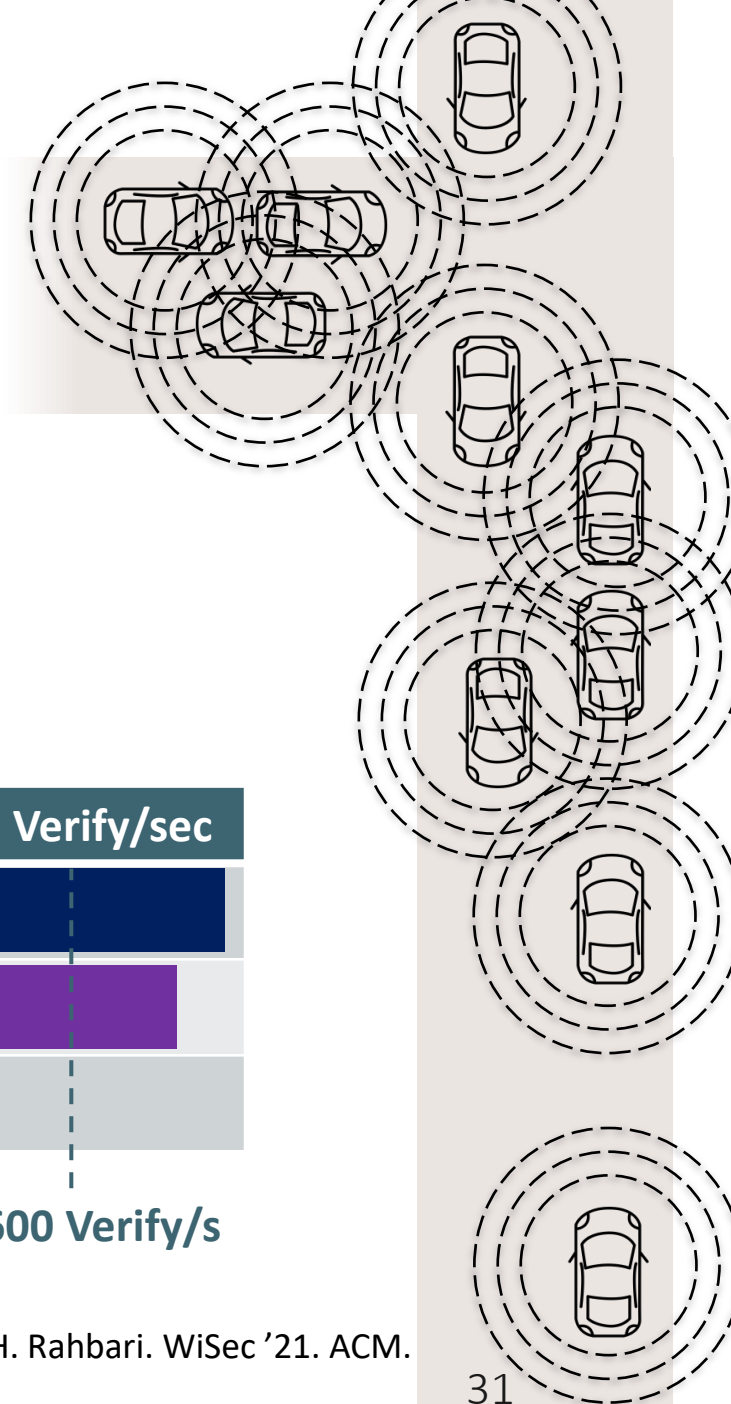
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Source under CC, Fig left
Open street map, Fig right

¹ More details in *Message Sieving to Mitigate Smart Gridlock Attacks in V2V*. S. Dongre, H. Rahbari. WiSec '21. ACM.

Future Work

Experiments on testbed

- Do benchmarks change when tested with real vehicles moving with higher speed?

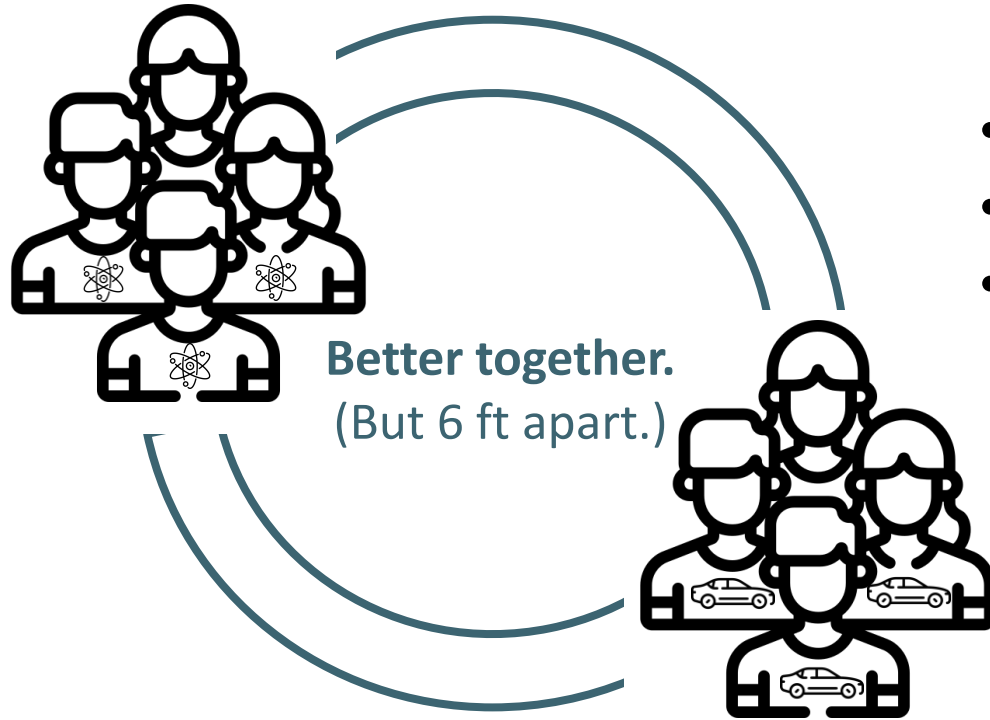
Analysis of scenarios

- How many messages can be sent at most, considering larger message sizes and faster runtimes?
- Is this number sufficient in scenarios, e.g., congested intersections?

Investigation of cert management

- Can we construct implicit certificates or alternatives from post-quantum assumptions?

Summary



- Customize post-quantum algorithms
- Adapt public-key infrastructure
- Agree on compromise between packet size and practicality/safety

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