



Data Privacy for Automation:
Leveraging Privacy Enhancing Technologies
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Outline

- The Challenge.
- Data privacy (in automation) at present.
- Leveraging PETs.
- Demo.

The Challenge

- Connected vehicles continuously report to the cloud and among them.
- Only authenticated vehicles can submit data.
- Not anonymized data can be used to track vehicles.
- Anonymized data reduces utility.

We need anonymously authenticated messages that still allows some processing.

Data Privacy (in automation) at Present

ETSI TR 103 415 V1.1.1 (2018-04)



**Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS);
Security;
Pre-standardization study on pseudonym change management**

Data Privacy (in automation) at Present

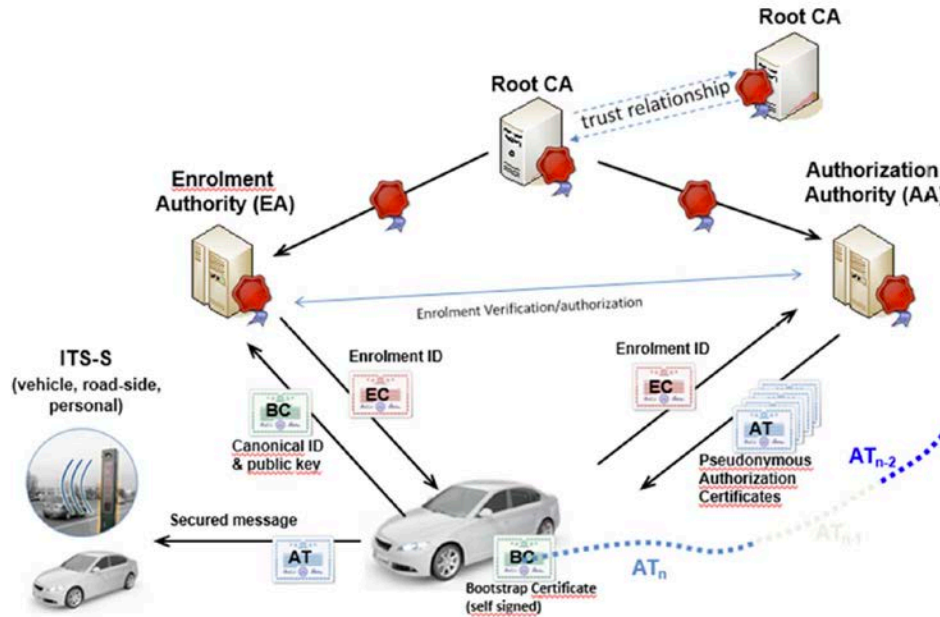


Figure 2: ETSI ITS trust model (PKI)

Data Privacy (in automation) at Present

- Pseudonyms are updated depending on:
 - Fixed parameters (time/distance/number of messages).
 - Silent periods.
 - Vehicle-centric parameters: speed/direction.
 - Vehicle density and mix-zones.
 - Combinations of the previous.

Data Privacy (in automation) at Present

- **Pros:**

- Simple.
- Keeps utility.

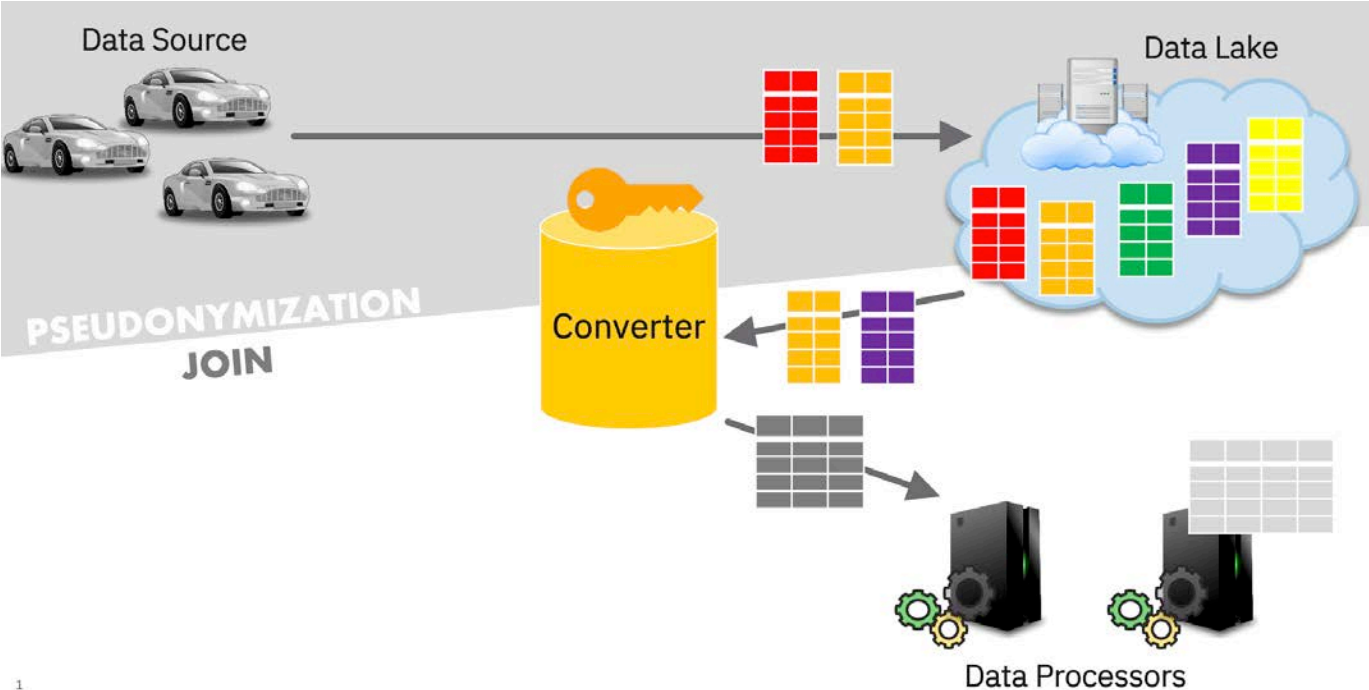
- **Cons:**

- Limited privacy.
 - Linkable (by anyone) during pseudonym lifetime.
- Need to re-fetch pseudonyms.
- Storage at the server side:
 - Needs to maintain a long-lived list of used pseudonyms.

Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection

- **Scenario:**
 - Vehicles keep sending data to the cloud.
 - We need to support detection of anomalies.
 - ... without identifying senders of non-anomalous messages.

Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection



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Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection

| Data | Pseudonym |
|---------|-----------|
| 80 km/h | 1234abcd |
| 70 km/h | 5678efab |
| 85 km/h | 9012cdef |

| Data | Pseudonym |
|----------|-----------|
| 5300 RPM | 3456fedc |
| 5500 RPM | 7890bafe |
| 4000 RPM | 1234dcba |

| Data | Pseudonym |
|-------|-----------|
| 6.5 L | abcd1234 |
| 8 L | efab5678 |
| 7 L | cdef9012 |

| Speed | RPM | Fuel | Pseudonym |
|---------|----------|-------|-----------|
| 80 km/h | 5300 RPM | 6.5 L | 11111111 |
| 85 km/h | 5500 RPM | 8 L | 11111111 |
| 70 km/h | 4000 RPM | 7 L | 22222222 |

Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection

- Vehicles add a “single-use” pseudonym to authenticate each message.
- These “single-use” pseudonyms can be linked by a special entity.

How?

- Instead of conventional certificates (as in ETSI’s approach), we use a variant based on **group signatures**.

Convertably Linkable Signatures, from “*Group Signatures with Selective Linkability*”, by Garms and Lehmann, 2019.

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Group signatures:

- Users (vehicles) can be added to the group.
 - When added, they receive a user private key.
- Users (vehicles) can create signatures on behalf of the group.
- Verifiers can check that such signatures come from “someone” within the group.

Convertably Linkable Signatures:

- Also, a special entity can (with limitations) link sets of these signatures.

Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection

Approach:

1. Vehicles sign messages with CLS.
 - Each signature contains a “single-use” pseudonym.
2. The infrastructure verifies the signatures.
 - Receives assurance that signatures originate from valid vehicles.
3. When needed, the anomaly detection engine links sets of signed messages.
 - Without re-identifying the signer beyond the linkage.

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CLS gives even more: **Non-Transitivity.**

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Query 1

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Query 2

| Speed | RPM | Fuel | Pseudonym |
|---------|----------|------|-----------|
| 85 km/h | 5500 RPM | 8 L | 33333333 |
| 70 km/h | 4000 RPM | 7 L | 44444444 |

Leveraging PETs for Anomaly Detection

- **Pros:**

- Keeps utility (suitable for most use cases).
- Maximizes privacy (as much as data allows).
- Reasonably efficient for high volumes of data.
- Minimizes storage requirements by server and vehicles.

- **Cons:**

- Utility restricted to “joins”.

Demo

Future Directions

- Evaluation in realistic settings.
- Compatibility with current infrastructures.
- Analysis of further functionality.



Thank you for your kind attention.

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